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CARDINAL GETS LIFE IMPRISONMENT

Found Guilty Of Charges Together With Six Others DEFENCE TO APPEAL

Budapest, February 8.

Cardinal Josef Mindszenty, 56-year-old Prince Primate of Hungary, was gaoled for life by the special People's Court here today.

The Cardinal's counsel announced at the end of the trial that he will appeal to the Supreme People's Court Tribunal.

All his private property was ordered to be confiscated. He was found guilty of three charges:

1. Violating the law for the defence of the republic. 2. Organising a conspiracy against the republic and, 3. treason and black-market currency dealings.

Cardinal Mindszenty, who throughout the three-day trial, had listened to the proceedings with an immobile expression, stood with hands folded as he listened to the verdicts. He had pleaded guilty to the charges, but denied treason.

With him were sentenced six fellow accused, alleged to have plotted with him and certain foreign powers for the restoration of the Hapsburg monarchy in Central Europe in the event of a third world war.

15-Year Sentence

They were Dr. Juszti Baranyi, 66-year-old Catholic university professor, found guilty of being an accomplice in the conspiracy with the Cardinal, and sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment, and loss of political rights for 10 years.

Dr. Andrew Zakar, the Cardinal's secretary, guilty of being an accomplice and of treason, six years' imprisonment and loss of political rights for 10 years. Prince Paul Esterhazy, Hungary's richest pre-war landowner, guilty of aiding the organisation against the republic and of black-market currency dealings, 15 years' in goal and loss of rights for 10 years.

Dr. Miklos Nagy, secretary of the Catholic Action organisation, three years' imprisonment and loss of political rights for five years.

Father Bela Ispanky, a priest, guilty of treason and black-market currency deals, life imprisonment and loss of rights for 10 years. Dr. Laszlo Toth, former Catholic editor, guilty of treason, 10 years' imprisonment and loss of rights for 10 years.

The court ordered the confiscation of the property of all the accused except Dr. Nagy. The court also ordered all defendants to pay the expenses of the trial to the Hungarian Government. The decisions were announced at a tense court session by presiding Judge Vilmos Olthly. The defendants were lined up before him as he pronounced the court's findings.

Stands Quietly

Cardinal Mindszenty stood quietly, his hands folded and his face expressionless. The judges entered the crowded little courtroom seven minutes later. Everyone rose as Olthly announced immediately: "The people's court is now in session."

Then came a roll call of the defendants. The Cardinal murmured as his name was mentioned. The judge then announced, in each case individually, that the court has arrived at decisions of guilty to the various charges. Tension in the court grew since, in accordance with the people's procedure, the sentences were not pronounced until some minutes later. Some of the spectators relaxed noticeably when it finally was disclosed.

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Profound Grief At Vatican

Vatican City, February 8. Pope Pius XII heard news of the sentencing of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary with the most profound sorrow, a Vatican source reported.

The informant said the Pontiff would seize the first occasion that presents itself to make a protest in the hardest and most definite terms. — Associated Press.

closed the Cardinal had been sentenced to life imprisonment instead of death by hanging, possible under the treason charged against him.

Judge Olthly said there were three extenuating circumstances in the Cardinal's case: (1) he confessed and expressed regret (2) he lived far from worldly affairs, and (3) the United States, through its Minister to Hungary, Mr. Seiden Chapin, made him hope that the United States of America would start a war and this war would help him attain his aims.

Grave Factors

Aggravating factors, the judge added, were the Cardinal's high station in the Catholic Church, his high degree of education, and the crimes he committed.

The court said Zakar's confession to the police in aiding the investigation was an alleviating circumstance in his case.

The court found the behaviour of Baranyi and Nagy, in delaying the Nazis in wartime, extenuating factors in their cases. Baranyi's Royalist sympathies, shown in the courtroom, counted against him.

A further alleviating factor so far as Nagy was concerned was evidence that he used profits made in black market transactions to aid social institutions.

Ispanky spied for money, the court declared, and that counted against him.

The poverty of Toth, the size of his family, and his deafness were all in his favour, the court said.

Judge Olthly then said: "The head of the Church became a political leader. Hopeless rule and Democracy are impossible together. The restoration of the Hapsburg (to the throne of Hungary) was the only hope for the landowners, bankers and former owners of factories."

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(Cardinal Mindszenty's confessions and recantations in court brought charges from abroad that the Cardinal had been tortured and drugged.)

Prosecutor Elapi denied the Cardinal was drugged, tortured or threatened.

Elapi, demanding the death penalty, said Cardinal Mindszenty was motivated by hatred of Democracy and not defence of religion.

The trial climaxed a lengthy fight between the Government and the Cardinal. The battle reached its height when the Communists announced plans to nationalise Church schools. The Cardinal opposed the measure, threatened ex-communication to any Catholic Member of Parliament who voted for the measure. Parliament voted last June to nationalise the Church's schools.

At the close of the judge's statement the defendant filed quietly from the courtroom. It was not known whether the Cardinal would be transferred to prison or present jail cell.

—Reuter and Associated Press.

In Jail, But Elected MP

Haifa, February 7. The military court at Acre, Northern Palestine, will announce its verdict on February 10 in the trial of Friedman Yellin and Matatiah Schmuelovitz on charges of leading the outlawed terrorist Stern Gang.

The Stern Gang won one seat in the Assembly in the recent Israeli general election. Yellin headed its list of candidates and is entitled to become a Deputy.

The judge is expected to state whether the verdict of the court can prevent Yellin from assuming a seat in the Assembly.

The Israeli authorities outlawed the Stern Gang after a disident group, known as the "Federation Front," claimed responsibility for the murder of Count Folke Bernadotte, United Nations Palestine Mediator.

—Reuter.

Chapin's Role

"According to the consideration of the court, the U.S. Minister, Mr. Chapin, had a great role in building up the activities of Mindszenty," the judge said.

"Mindszenty could have rightly hoped that the United States of America would interfere actively in the internal affairs of Hungary. He speculated on war which would be connected with an American occupation and with the overthrow of the Republic."

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Sponge-Fishing In Lampedusa



An important industry of Lampedusa Island, between Malta and Tunisia, is sponge-fishing. Some 250 people are in the industry, which is slowly regaining the importance it enjoyed pre-war. Photo shows: A Lampedusa sponge fisher strings his catch into "necklaces" which will be left in the sun for several days to dry out before they are stored.—AP Photo.

Barter Trade System With Red-Held China

Shanghai, February 8. A barter trade system between Shanghai and North China may be inaugurated when the steamer Greater Shanghai leaves here shortly for Tangku with a cargo of flour, which will be exchanged for coal, the spokesman of the Kailan Mining Administration said here today.

The spokesman said permission has already been given by the top Communist leaders in the North for the trip by Greater Shanghai, and arrangements are now being made with the Chinese Shipping Guild and National Association of Chinese Shipowners to set a date for the sailing of the vessel.

He added that if the plan worked out successfully, Shanghai's coal supply would be assured.

The spokesman said that the Communists were in need of flour and Shanghai in need of coal. The vessel is expected to take North some 300,000 bags of flour to be exchanged for 100,000 tons of coal.

APL Freighter

A spokesman for the American President Lines said today the company's ss. President Fillmore is to arrive on February 18 off Taku Bay, Tientsin's anchorage.

It will be the first American freighter to try to trade with the Communist-held port.

The spokesman said his company asked the Swiss forwarding agency of Bryner and Company at Peking whether the Communists will permit the Fillmore to discharge cargo. The vessel is carrying 1,000 tons of general merchandise consigned to Chinese merchants at Tientsin.

The spokesman continued: "Bryner was able to consult their Tientsin branch, which we can not, and to our amazement replied that Butterfield and Swire lighters were available to bring cargo in over Taku Bay." —Reuter and Associated Press.

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Two Modern Cinemas To Open Shortly In HK

Hong Kong will have two of the most modern cinema theatres ready in the next three months, complete with the latest equipment and air-conditioning.

They are the HK\$2,500,000 Roxy Theatre of Causeway Bay, with seating accommodation for 1,700; and the Broadway Theatre on Nathan Road, Kowloon, which will seat more than 1,000 people.

The Roxy Theatre will be ready to open at the end of this month, but the Broadway will not be completed until May.

Both theatres have been given the first run of all RKO Radio and 20th Century Fox releases for 1949.

Announcing this arrangement yesterday, Mr. Leon Britton, Far Eastern Supervisor of RKO Radio, said RKO would in future be bringing out fewer pictures than before, but they would all be chosen for their suitability for this area.

"The taste of local cinema-goers will be our first consideration. We are going to show them pictures they like, and this will mean longer runs at the theatres," said Mr. Britton.

Heading the list of 1949 releases will be the US\$4,000,000 production "Joan of Arc," starring Ingrid Bergman; and "Good Sam," a light-hearted comedy with Hong Kong's popular male star, Gary Cooper, in the lead.

"Joan of Arc" was produced by Victor Fleming who was responsible for "Gone with the Wind."

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Govt Employees Get Increase In HCL Allowances

Married men, widowers and widows (with one or more dependent children) in Government service earning salaries from HK\$150 to HK\$374 have had their cost-of-living allowances increased to 100 per cent of their basic wage.

Civil servants in this category benefit most from the revised allowances.

Those earning salaries between HK\$375 and HK\$1,600 have been given allowances ranging from HK\$370 to HK\$800 for men and women with dependent children; HK\$296 to HK\$640 for married men without dependent children; and HK\$222 to HK\$480 for single men and women without dependent children.

King May Yet Visit N.Z.

London, February 8. King George VI hopes in the not too distant future to be able to carry out his proposed visit to New Zealand. A message to this effect from the King was read at the Silver Jubilee dinner of the New Zealand Society in London last night.

The Secretary for Commonwealth relations, Mr. Philip Noel Baker, said: "We will echo the King's hope that that visit will soon take place. It is good news for us all that the King now feels able to hold out that hope."

Retrospective

The revised allowances are retrospective to January 1.

Allowances for married men without dependent children and earning between HK\$150 and HK\$374 have been fixed at 80 per cent of their basic wages; and the allowances for married and unmarried women, unmarried men, widowers and widows in the same bracket without dependent children have been fixed at 60 per cent of their basic wages.

Government employees earning salaries from HK\$180 to HK\$145 have had the cost of living allowances fixed at 70 per cent of the basic wage (for men) and two-thirds of the men's allowance (for women).

The allowances for employees earning up to HK\$180 a month have been fixed at HK\$72 for men, and HK\$48 for women. For salaries more than HK\$180, the allowances are HK\$87 for men and HK\$50 for women.

Allowances for civil servants earning more than HK\$374 a month follow:

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His new proposal did include economic aid for Turkey, and Greece, which many observers predicted would be dropped.

In pressing the big bill to the Senate House, Foreign Affairs Committee, Mr. Hoffman said: "If that programme brings us peace and stability, and I fervently believe it can, it will turn out to be the greatest bargain the American people ever had."

"This is the time to hit hard for European recovery, time for the Europeans to take the drastic and sometimes painful steps necessary for real recovery, time for the United States to back their efforts to the full."

Mr. Hoffman's proposed programme covers 15 months, beginning on April 3.—Associated Press.

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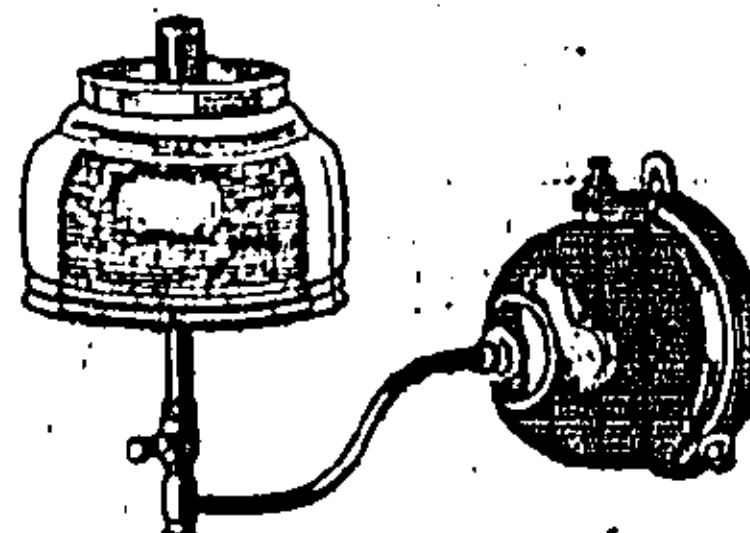
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Eye-Witness Gives Evidence Of Alleged Murder

Evidence by an eye-witness of the alleged murder of Fung Kit-ling by her husband was heard before Mr. Justice Wickes (Acting Additional Judge) at the second hearing of the trial of Chui Kam-keng, a 27-year old Formosan doctor. Chui, charged with the murder of his wife, is being defended by Mr. J. McNeil instructed by Mr. J. H. Young.

Conducting the prosecution is Mr. M. Heenan assisted by Sub-Inspector Leslie.

Dr. Young Cho-chi, Medical Officer at Kowloon Hospital, said that on August 5, he was on duty when accused was admitted into hospital at about 10.30 a.m. He performed an operation on accused at 11 a.m.

Dr. Young said that accused had two wounds on his body. The first wound was on the right side of the neck and the second wound on his right palm. He was also suffering from shock.

The neck wound was about three inches long running about one inch and was at the level of the upper part of the Adam's apple. The skin and superficial muscles of the neck were divided, as also was the superficial vein of the neck. The depth of the wound was not measured, but the deepest part was the middle portion. The wound became shallower at each end. The edges of the wound were quite clean.

Dr. Young said that there was no indication as to the direction of the blow which caused the wound.

The second wound was on the right palm. It was two inches long and extended from the base of the index finger towards the middle of the palm.

The first wound was probably caused by a not very sharp cutting instrument. The edges of the wound suggested this to be the case. Dr. Young said that the accused's blade produced in Court could have caused the wound. This wound could have been self-inflicted with the scissors' blade.

Able To Move

Dr. Young declared that the wound would not have completely incapacitated the person who received it. A person with such a wound would be able to move about and act physically with his arms and hands and also carry things. Dr. Young admitted that such a wound would impede a person's speech. The wound was more likely to have been caused by a slashing motion than a stab.

Regarding the second wound, Dr. Young said it may have been caused by a not very sharp instrument, such as the scissors' blade produced in Court. The wound could have been self-inflicted. Apart from these two wounds and shock, Dr. Young said he found nothing unusual about accused.

Dr. Young said he had, in his experience, dealt with one case of suicide by throat cutting.

It was probable that the wound on accused's throat was self-inflicted. He was still prepared to say, however, that the wound in the present case might be a suicidal wound. He based this conclusion on the level of the wound, but admitted that he did not take into consideration the wound on the hand.

The second wound was compatible with accused having grasped a sharp instrument. It was also compatible with self-defence.

Dr. Young agreed that the wound in the present case was on the right side of the neck and that, if self-inflicted, the man would have to be left-handed. He believed accused was right-handed.

Taking into consideration the possibility of self-defence and the fact that accused was right-handed, Dr. Young agreed that it was improbable that the wound on the throat was self-inflicted.



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If the cut on the palm had been received first, Dr. Young said that a man picking up a scissors' blade would see his left hand.

Dr. Young gave it as his opinion that there would be a difference in the angle of a wound inflicted by a right-handed man using his left hand and a person naturally left-handed.

Fung Kam-keng, 15-year old girl, living at No. 39 Fa Yuen Street, 1st floor, said that she knew accused, who was a doctor by profession.

Stayed At Home

During the two months he had lived at 39 Fa Yuen Street 1st floor, accused never carried on practice as a doctor. He stayed at home and did the household work, such as cooking and washing children's clothing.

Fung Kam-keng said that accused was not on good terms with his wife, as she had heard them quarrelling. The first occasion on which she heard them quarrel was about a week before the alleged murder.

About a week before the alleged murder, the dead woman started to work as a teacher and was away from the house during the day.

Witness testified having heard the accused and his wife quarrelling inside the cubicle on the morning of August 5. She did not however pay much attention to that, she said.

Witness then said she saw deceased come out of the cubicle and go to the kitchen. Later, she went on, she saw the accused chopping firewood at the bottom of some stairs. On seeing her Chui told her he could not find the firewood chopper to chop the wood, and was using a vegetable chopper instead. He told her then to look for a firewood chopper not to chop the firewood so noisily, witness stated.

Witness went on to say that she was walking along the passageway when she suddenly heard cries of "save life". Rushing up to see what was the matter, she said she saw Chui strike his wife with the vegetable chopper. Witness turned and ran into the room and carried the two children of the accused down on to the street.

Cross-examined by Mr. McNeil witness told the court that she could recognise the vegetable chopper exhibited in court because it was a rusty one, and the handle of it was loose on August 5. She admitted, however, that she could not say for sure whether the knife shown to her in court was the one with which the accused had struck his wife.

Referring to the cries of "save life", Mr. McNeil asked witness if she had seen the blows being struck by the accused, to which witness replied that she saw the accused strike the deceased in the back. Witness demonstrated in court the approximate position.

Mr. McNeil then told witness that there were no wounds in the body where witness had said her sister had been struck, to which witness reiterated her statement that the blows were struck there.

Not Frightened

Counsel then put it to witness that what she really saw that morning was a fight going on, to which witness replied in the negative. Asked if she was frightened, she also replied negatively.

Wong Kai, P.C. 302, attached to the Yau-mat Police Station testified having gone to the place of the alleged murder on August 5 as a result of having seen a young girl crying under the verandah of the premises. On approaching her, he said, the girl told him about what was going on upstairs.

He then ran up, and eventually gained access into the premises. The accused, witness went on, who opened the door himself, had a small wound in his neck from which blood was oozing, staining his clothes. At the arrival of an Indian policeman, witness said, the accused was taken to the hospital.

Going further into the premises, witness said, he discovered a pool of blood lying nearby, and a pair of clogs, a knife and some other small things.

The next witness, Fung Kit-ling, married woman living at the same premises, stated in evidence that she went out from the house at 8.30 on the morning of August 5. As she left, she said she heard the accused and his wife having a quarrel over something.

When she returned to the house she went on, it was about 9.30. She met Fung Kam-keng down stairs crying. A policeman soon came up and was told what the matter was.

Without further explanation, the accused and his wife quarrelled frequently.

Witness agreed with Mr. McNeil under cross-examination that the quarrel was noisy, and that the accused was not on good terms with his wife.

Director Of Firm Charged At Central

Miss Fung Lai-yah, director of the firm of Li and Fung, Limited of Marina House and her office boy, Leung Kin-yuen, aged 17, were both charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida yesterday with failing to make a true Customs declaration to the Postal Authorities in regard to a package they attempted to post by air mail on February 7.

Mr. D. Fitches, Controller of Posts prosecuted. Defendants were represented by Mr. J. C. Stewart of Tso and Hodgson. Inspector Percy Lowe was for the police.

Mr. Fitches said that on February 7, a messenger came to Post Office and asked for air mail forms and one blue.

The messenger came later with a package, marked dummy crackers, of no commercial value.

The clerk, who had previously been instructed to open such parcels for examination, informed the messenger that he must open up the parcel. The parcel was then taken away.

On February 7, second defendant brought the same parcel, and the clerk again said he must examine the parcel. The boy insisted that it contained dummy crackers.

The package was opened and found to contain live crackers. A test of the powder extracted from one cracker showed it was another one went off with a bang.

Living evidence, Miss Fung said on the day in question, she gave instructions to her shipping clerk to send a parcel of dummy crackers to a firm in the United States.

She admitted that she signed the declaration forms when handed to her clerk and thought that her instructions had been carried out.

Kwok Kit, the clerk, said when he received the instructions from Miss Fung, he told the office boy to pack up a parcel of dummy crackers and look it up granted that he had done so.

He admitted that he made out the declaration forms and handed the same to Miss Fung for signature.

Mr. Stewart said that his client, first defendant, had been a director of the firm for some time and the firm had been in existence since 1906.

Had Clean Record

The firm had never been prosecuted for any offence whatsoever. Miss Fung thought that her instructions had been carried out to the detail and asked the magistrate to take a lenient view of the case.

Mr. Stewart said the boy was merely carrying out his duty in taking the package there for posting.

Mr. d'Almeida agreed with defence counsel regarding second defendant and discharged him.

Regarding Miss Fung, Mr. d'Almeida said that she must be held responsible. She was cautioned.

Crackers were ordered to be returned to defendant as they had not actually been posted.

Reminders

Today
Toc H Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
HKVDC Dinner, China Fleet Club Theatre, 7.30 p.m.
Talk on "Travels in China" by Mr. W. Gordon-Harmon, European YMCA, 8.45 p.m.
Gan Eung-ping, Women's Section, Legislative Council meeting, CSO, 2.30 p.m.
Exhibition of Paintings by Mr. Wong Tuk-sung, Hotel Cecil, 10 a.m.

Coming Events
Tomorrow
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "Born in the Sun" by Mr. H. H. Raine, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y's Men's Club luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
British Council weekly show, "The Instruments of the Orchestra", Speaker, Rev. Fr. T. Ryan, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

FRIDAY
European YMCA members' Council, inaugural meeting, first floor lounge, 6 p.m.
Women's Section meeting, European YMCA, 10 a.m.

SATURDAY
Bank of East Asia, annual general meeting, bank premises, 2.30 p.m.

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Thirteen-Year-Old Youth Sentenced For Breaking Ban

A 13-year-old youth, who was brought before the Juvenile Court for the fourth time yesterday, admitted to Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon that he returned to the Colony immediately he was expelled.

Charged on the count of mendacity, the boy at first told the magistrate that he returned to Hong Kong a year ago. When the court pointed out that he was only expelled on November 3 last year, he said that he came back in April last. Finally, he admitted that he returned on the same date that he was expelled for two years.

Assaulted, Robbed By Three Men

Which Wong Lam-sun, 30k of a congee seller, went to the Yau-mat Market in the early hours of December 26 last, he was assaulted by three men, tied to a water pipe, and robbed of \$13, after having been accused of being a pick-pocket.

On his being released by his employer, shortly after 5 a.m., he went to the Yau-mat Police Station to lodge a report, and accompanied by Detective Constable 1281 Chiu Yik, returned to the market where he pointed out one of his assailants, Ng Chan, 38-year-old fph of No. 25 Fish Stall.

Accompanied by Ng Chan, the detective and complainant went to Temple Street where Wan Yu, 30-year-old fph of No. 7, Fish Stall, was pointed out as another of the assailants. A third man, Ng Hin, aged 28, unemployed hawk, was arrested at Shanghai Street near the market.

Ng Chan, said Detective Sub-Inspector W. G. Morrison, when Wan Yu and Ng Hin were brought to Kowloon yesterday on criminal proceedings on the count of robbery with violence, was convicted by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr on January 17 last on the count of assault and sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment to date from December 20, 1948.

It was alleged by the complainant that he was given \$13 on the night of December 25 last, by his employer, Wong Ah-kan, to buy fish and meat on the following morning. It was his custom, he said, to purchase meat from the Tak-Chan butchery, and to buy fish at the best possible place.

Found Stall Deserted

On the morning in question, he found the Tak Chan stall deserted, and so, leaving his basket there, he went out in search of fish. As he was leaving the Yau-mat Market he was accosted by Wan Yu who, on passing him struck him on the chest.

When he asked Wan the reason for the assault, said witness, he was accused of being a pick-pocket, and again struck several blows on the chest.

Wong went on to allege that Wan then took hold of him by the collar and pulled him to a pork stall where they saw Ng Chan who, after having been told by Wan that witness was a pick-pocket, struck Wong and tied his hands behind his back with pieces of grass string. Wong said that he was then tied to a water pipe, with his hands behind his back.

After Wan and Ng Chan had left the market, Wan returned with Ng Hin, Wan began to separate baskets of fish, while Ng Hin went up to witness and accused him of being a pick-pocket. Ng then took \$13 from his pockets, after striking witness twice.

Both accused were committed for trial.

Percy Kwok and Mr. J. Muckle from Shanghai.

Guests present included Messrs. A. Sommerfeld, D. G. Yardley, Raymond, Picco, William, Kausch, D. Carter, N. Hari Baker, A. B. M. Coleman and G. L. Wilson.

Two Youths
Charged
At Central

Two youths, aged 17 and 19, were brought before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday, one charged with larceny of a lady's handbag and the other with receiving stolen property.

They were Ho Kwan and Yau Siu-cheng. Both pleaded guilty. First defendant received six months and eight strokes, and if certified unfit for caring, to serve an additional two months. He was recommended for banishment. Second defendant received six months and was placed under police supervision.

First defendant was also sentenced to a further term of six weeks for a breach of deportation order.

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Lecture On Industrial Air Conditioning

A talk on industrial air conditioning was given by Mr. H. W. Sutton, partner of Carte & Sutton, refrigeration engineers, at the Hong Kong Rotary Club yesterday.

After explaining the principles of air conditioning, the speaker said more and more industries had come to appreciate that air conditioning of factories was a factor in modern industrial efficiency.

Though there was less consideration in the Far East for such factors as sufficient outside air ventilation for factories and comfort of workers, Mr. Sutton said, air conditioning, though a recent growth, had come to stay in Hong Kong.

Hong Kong industrialists should consider how best they should make use of the benefits to be derived from this scientific advance, designed to afford its greater human comfort.

The speaker was thanked by Rotarian Neil Garland.

Mr. Victor K. Bakshi, a Rotarian from Bangkok, was inducted as a member of Hong Kong Rotary Club yesterday.

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HONG KONG KENNEL CLUB.

Members are notified that a talk on "Dogs & Dog Shows" will be given by Mr. W.S. Hunt at the roof garden, Hong Kong Hotel at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 10th February.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS
ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Monday, the 28th day of February, 1949, at Noon, to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.
2. To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1948.
3. To elect two Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 14th February, 1949, to the 28th February, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

G. B. S. THOMSON, Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 1, 1949.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Proposal to change a Ship's name.

We, India General Navigation & Ry. Co., Ltd., of 4, Fairlie Place, Calcutta 1, hereby give notice that in consequence of change of ownership. We have applied to the Minister of Transport, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the steamship "WA HING" of Hong Kong Registry Official Number 181, 262 Gross tonnage 558 tons, heretofore owned by TA HING CO., (HONGKONG) LTD., ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING, ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG for permission to change her name to Mumtaz and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of HONG KONG as owned by The India General Navigation & Railway Co., Ltd.

Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the REGISTRAR OF SHIPPING at HONG KONG within SEVEN days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at HONG KONG the 7th day of February, 1949, The India General Navigation & Railway Company Limited.

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GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty-sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on Friday, 4th March, 1949, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Friday, 18th February, 1949, to Friday, 4th March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. TAYLOR, Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 5, 1949.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB

COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entries for the Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships close at 5 p.m. on 11th February.

Entry forms are obtainable from all Clubs and Sports Shops.

FIRE OF 22ND SEPT. 1948 AT THE WING ON COMPANY, LIMITED, GODOWN NO. 2 HONG KONG

Further to the Notice which were published in the local newspapers on the 30th September 1948 and the 8th November 1948, we, the Undersigned, now hereby give notice that parts of the Ground and First Floors of the above godown must be cleared at an early date. As cotton yarn, piece goods, paper and other goods stored thereat are so badly burnt and mixed that the various interests cannot be identified, the undersigned are arranging for the removal thereof to Godown No. 5 of the Wing On Company, Limited, Godown and for the sale by public auction at an early date for the benefit of all concerned.

Any owners of goods stored in the Ground and First Floors of Godown No. 2 who have not already done so are requested to declare their interests before 5 p.m. the 12th day of February, 1949.

Any salvage in the remaining floors of Godown No. 2 cannot be removed as the building has been declared to be unsafe by the Authorities.

The above arrangements are entirely without prejudice to the question of the liability or otherwise of the Insurance Companies or the Wing On Company, Limited Godown.

NIELSEN & MALCOLM (SHANGHAI), Assessors.

THE WING ON CO., LTD., GODOWN, Godown-keepers.

Dated at Hongkong this 7th day of February, 1949.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of Leslie Isabel Fuckle (nee Bremner) of Ivy House Churchstoke in the County of Montgomery, England, Married Woman, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 7th day of March 1949.

All Creditors and others are accordingly required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 8th day of February, 1949.

WILKINSON & GRIST,

Solicitors for the Executors and Trustees of the will of the abovesaid deceased.

No. 2 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong.

TENDERS

Tenders, which should be in the hands of the undersigned at or before noon on 20th February, 1949, are invited for the purchase of the wreck of the former CPS Halul as she lies in Samun Maritime Customs Station Bay, Tunlang Island, Latitude 22° 23' N. Longitude 114° 37' E.

Particulars of the vessel are as follows:

Built by Kiangnan Dock & Engineering Works, Shanghai in 1934.

Length 137' 00" B. P.

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Depth of hold 9' 00"

Engined with twin Diesels.

Further particulars can be obtained from the Office of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District.

Neither the highest, nor any tender will necessarily be accepted.

K. ASHDOWNE, Commissioner of Customs, Kowloon and District.

Kowloon Customs Office, Marina House, Hong Kong, Feb. 7, 1949.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on Tuesday 8th March 1949 at 12 noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948 and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

NOTICE is further hereby given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th February 1949 to the 8th March 1949 both days inclusive during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

AND NOTICE is hereby also given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on the same day at 12.30 p.m. or so soon afterwards as the Ordinary General Meeting shall be concluded, when the subjoined Resolution will be submitted:—

THAT the Authorised capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$3,000,000 divided into 300,000 Shares of \$10 each (of which the whole have been issued) to \$10,000,000 by the creation of 700,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$10 each and that such additional shares as aforesaid shall be issued at such time or times and upon such terms and conditions as the Company's Board of Directors in their absolute discretion shall think fit.

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The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 18th day of February to Saturday the 5th day of March, 1949 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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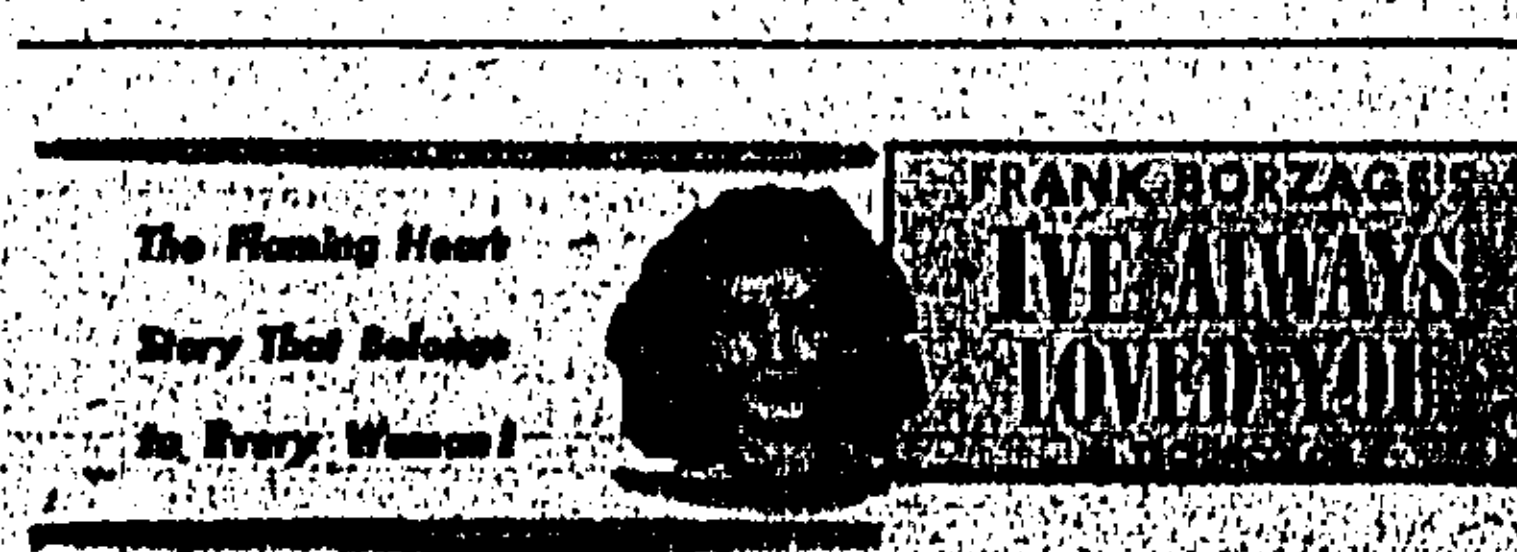
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CARE SURPASSES LUCK IN MANY social circles, certain players develop reputations for being lucky, and others for being unlucky. The luck factor seems to show itself in the way that better hands are dealt on the average to the more fortunate ones, also in the way that suits break for them, the successful operation of finesses and other not-startling developments which to the casual observer indicate better breaks rather than better methods. In many such cases, however, the important factor is not luck, but greater care or clearer thought.

SA 652
HA QJ
D 543
C A 72
S J 74
H K 96
D Q 108
C Q J 93
S Q 10 8 3
H 75
D A K 6
C K 65

(Dealer: East. Both sides vulnerable. Deal 1. 344. North Pass. 1-8-3 Pass. 4-3 South was able to count two immediate losers in the minors, plus a possible one in hearts if the finesse failed, but one of the minor suit losers could be discarded on the third heart. Hence, if he could limit losers in the trump suit to one trick, his contract would be safe.

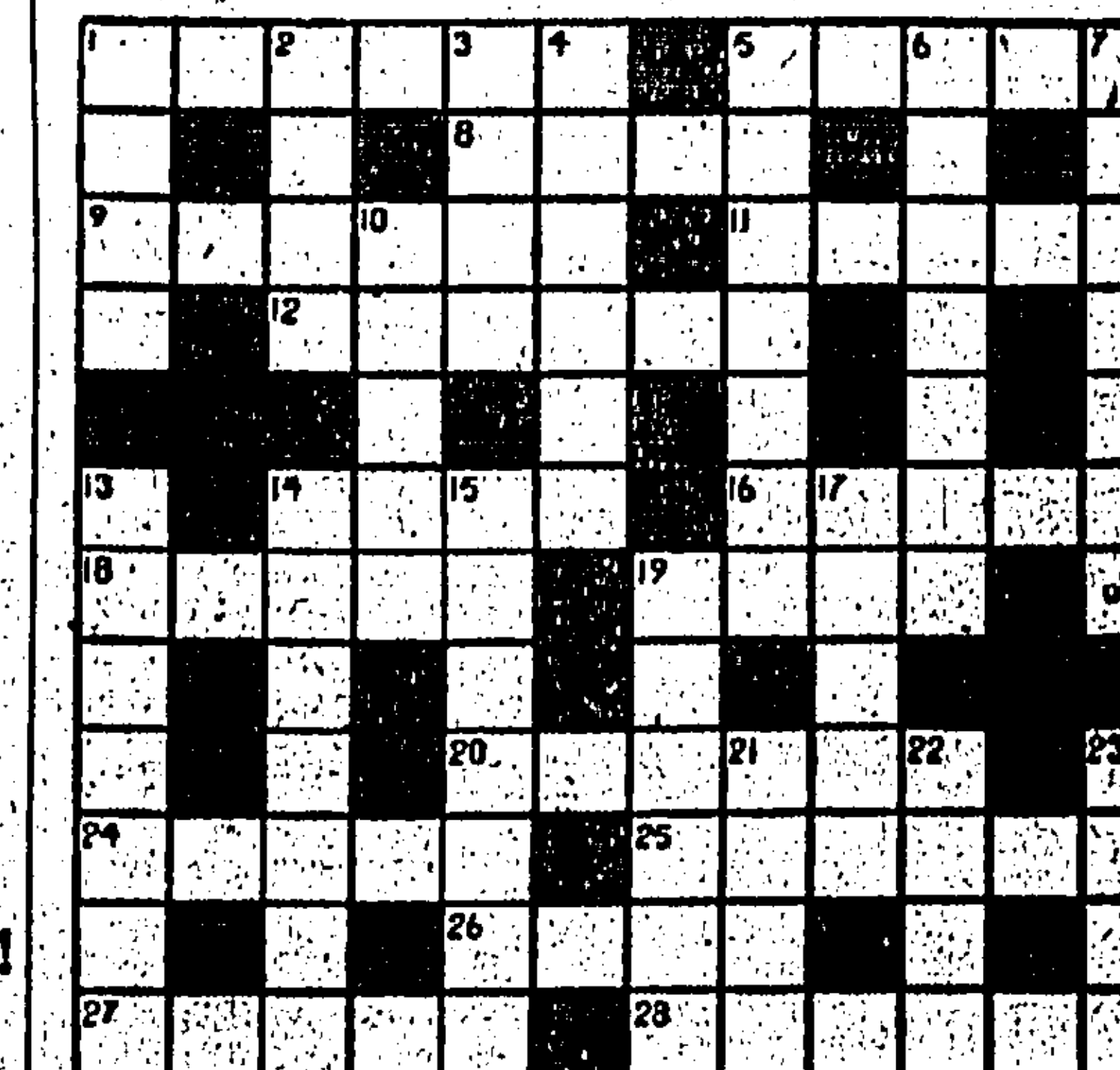
With that idea in mind, he won the first trick in the dummy and immediately led a low spade, putting in the Q, which lost to the K. This doomed him to lose

another trump trick to the J. His sole chance for game then was to win the heart finesse. When that failed, he was down. As is usual in such cases, he bawled his hand luck. "Actual-ly he had played the spades in the worst possible way. It would have been most profitable if he had played the suit in another wrong way, much better, however, than the method he used. That would have been by laying down the A on the first trick to protect himself against a singleton K or J in either hand. Had he done that, he would have taken all tricks in the suit.

The soundest method, however, to avoid losing two trump tricks in this situation, would have been to lead from his own hand toward the dummy, prepared to play whatever card was indicated after West played. This was a simple case of soundness and care as against unsoundness and carelessness.

Tomorrow's Problem
S None
H 8 7 6 5 4 2
D K Q 9 8 5
C None
S Q J 3
H K 9 3
D A Q
C A 10 8
S 3
S A 7 6 5 4 3
H 10
D J 10 7 4 3 2
C None
(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.)
If South opens this rubber deal with 1-Diamond and West bids 2-Spades, what would you do in the North?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- 1 Cavalryman. 10 Speak.
- 5 Dwarf. 18 John.
- 8 Give up. 10 Sober.
- 9 Dancing. 20 Diverted.
- 11 Discharger. 24 Crown-up.
- 12 Easy. 25 Loose.
- 14 Consume. 27 Clear.
- 15 By fire. 28 Tried out.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS: 1. Aping. 4. Specie. 8. Bishop. 10. Bulp. 12. Ardour. 14. Malicious. 17. Vain. 18. Spurred. 20. Renown. 22. Edge. 23. Gentle. 27. Deplete. 29. Abide. 30. Erring. 31. Trying. 32. Ect.

Clues Down

- 1 Colossal. 14 Temporary.
- 2 Narrow. 15 Told.
- 3 Continuous. 17 Wanderer.
- 4 Motive. 19 Lucky.
- 6 Period. 21 Of sound.
- 8 Dirty. 22 mind.
- 7 Straggles. 23 Prescribed food.
- 10 Bellow. 23 Cut short.
- 23 Button.

DOWN: 1. Album. 2. Inset. 3. Grown. 5. Fero. 6. Carrot. 7. Expired. 9. Prename. 11. Turret. 13. Deplete. 15. Abet. 16. Trained. 18. Serve. 20. Hepast. 21. Modify. 24. Nerve. 25. Elito. 26. Light. 28. Loan.

TERROR REGIME IN THE RUSSIAN ZONE

'Divorce Husbands,' Advice

London, February 7. Two Soviet wives who are not allowed to join their British husbands over here were confidentially advised last November by the British Ambassador to Moscow, Mr. Hector McNeill, to divorce their husbands.

At the time they were being persecuted by the Soviet authorities, he added, and recently were driven to such a state of despair that they tried to commit suicide.

Mr. McNeill said the Ambassador wrote to the Russian authorities pointing out that their molestation was liable to cause a tragedy. "This unfortunately had little or no effect on the Soviet authorities," he said.

"The Ambassador could not encourage them in any hopes of a change of Soviet policy and thought the course he took would be the kindest in the circumstances."

Mr. Christopher Hollis, Conservative, who had asked why divorce had been advised, said he had a letter in which one of the wives stated the Embassy advice "makes me more determined to go on."—Reuter.

OLDEST ACTRESS IS DEAD

London, February 7. Helen Cresswell, believed to be the oldest actress in the world, died at her London home today aged 103.

She began her career in 1872 and retired from the stage 10 years later.—Reuter.

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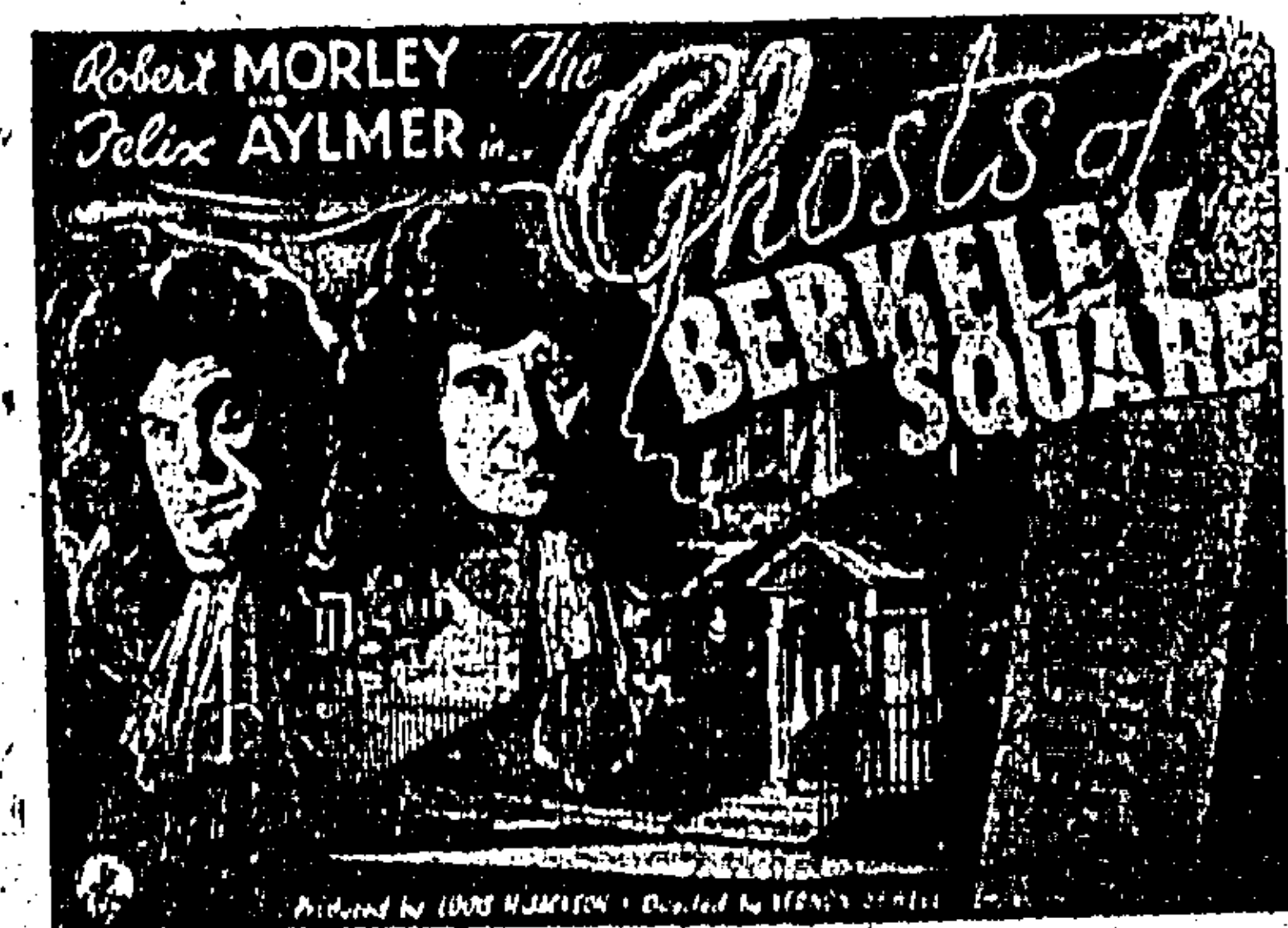
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Importance Of Colonies To Britain

London, February 6. Mr. Ernest Bevin, War Minister, said here today that a sure way to economic independence for Britain is the development of her colonies.

"There are vast possibilities in Africa, where we can safely invest financial and material resources with ultimate benefits to ourselves and also to the native peoples," the Minister said.

"I am not one to despise what is called the Empire," he added. "I see no reason why we should not seek to cement in a great economic unit the countries of the Commonwealth. That constitutes the right direction."

—Reuter.

TANKER'S MISHAP

London, February 7. The Norwegian tanker Nordvind (8,234 tons) bound for Swansea, South Wales, from the Persian Gulf, put in at Aden today with a broken cam shaft. Lloyd's agent there reported.

Repairs have started. Anders, Jahre and Company are the managers.—Reuter.

British Property In Palestine

London, February 7. British claims and British property interests in Palestine are to be considered following de facto recognition of Israel by Britain.

This was stated in the House of Commons today by the Minister of State, Mr. Hector McNeill.

Mr. McNeill said the questions will be considered with various other financial and economic questions requiring settlement between the British and Israeli Governments.

He had been asked what is being done to safeguard the interests of British companies, whose assets were appropriated by the Jewish authorities in Palestine after the outbreak of hostilities.

A number of firms and people, he said, have said that they may have claims to advance.

He had drawn their attention to a notice published at the Board of Trade last October, in which it was stated that the British Government would make every effort to ensure that the proper claims of British subjects are expeditiously dealt with by whatever authority that became responsible in Palestine.

Mr. McNeill, replying further, said the usual procedure would be for the Government of Israel to set up an agency through which dealings could be made.

ECONOMY AT U.N.

Paris, February 7. Cuts in the staff and programme of the United Nations Economic and Social Council were foreseen in Paris today by its new Director-General, Dr. Jaime Torres Bodet, of Mexico.

Dr. Bodet, reporting to the Executive Board on the Council's work since last November's Beirut conference, said that for budgetary reasons projects must be limited to those of world importance.

This will also mean a reduction in personnel.—Reuter.

BLONDE'S EVIDENCE IN PARIS LIBEL CASE

Paris, February 7. A tall, strongly-built blonde, Madame Zinaida Gorlova, ex-wife of Victor Kravchenko, author of the anti-Soviet best seller, "I Chose Freedom," said in court today that he had beaten her and used obscene language.

Dressed in black, with an upswept hair style, she told the court hearing Kravchenko's libel action against the French Communist magazine, Les Lettres Francaises, that she now has only feelings of "repulsion and contempt" for him.

The court was crowded by people anxious to hear Madame Gorlova, who flew from Russia to testify against her former husband.

Kravchenko sat only a few feet away from his former wife. Occasionally he lifted his head from his notes to glance sideways at her.

She testified that Kravchenko had gone away and left her "without a sou" for some time, and when he came back he beat her, broke the crockery, was very jealous and overwhelmed her with reproaches. "because she had no dowry."

One evening he said to her: "Well, it is time for you to go, for I want a highly paid job." She went back to her family.

Wanted Abortion

She told the court: "I have not seen Kravchenko for 12 years. I pray God, that not a single trait of this man remains in my soul. Do not think I hate him. I have no longer any feeling for him—just repulsion and contempt. This man is capable of any lies."

She said that her son, Valentin, is now 14 years old.

Kravchenko told the court that his wife had wanted an abortion in her first pregnancy. Until then their relations had been of the happiest and the best.

The plaintiff raised his voice to declare that his ex-wife had been forced by the Soviet political police to come to Paris and testify against him.

BARONET DEAD

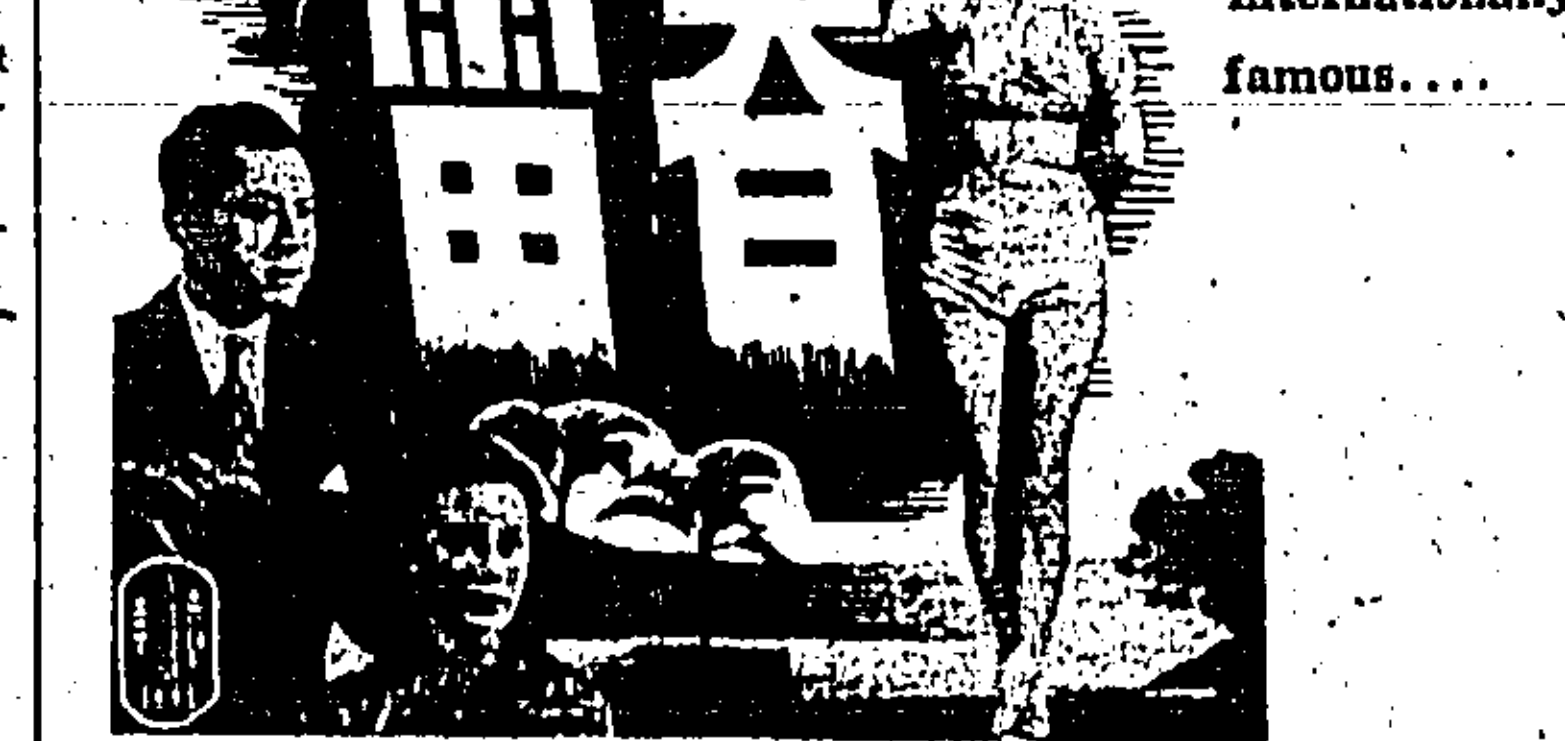
London, February 7. Sir William Bromley-Davenport, of Capethorne Hall, near Macclesfield, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Chester since 1920, died today aged 87.

Sir William, who was a Conservative Member of Parliament for Macclesfield from 1909 to 1900, was for two years Parliamentary Secretary to the Home Secretary and was later Financial Secretary to the War Office.—Reuter.

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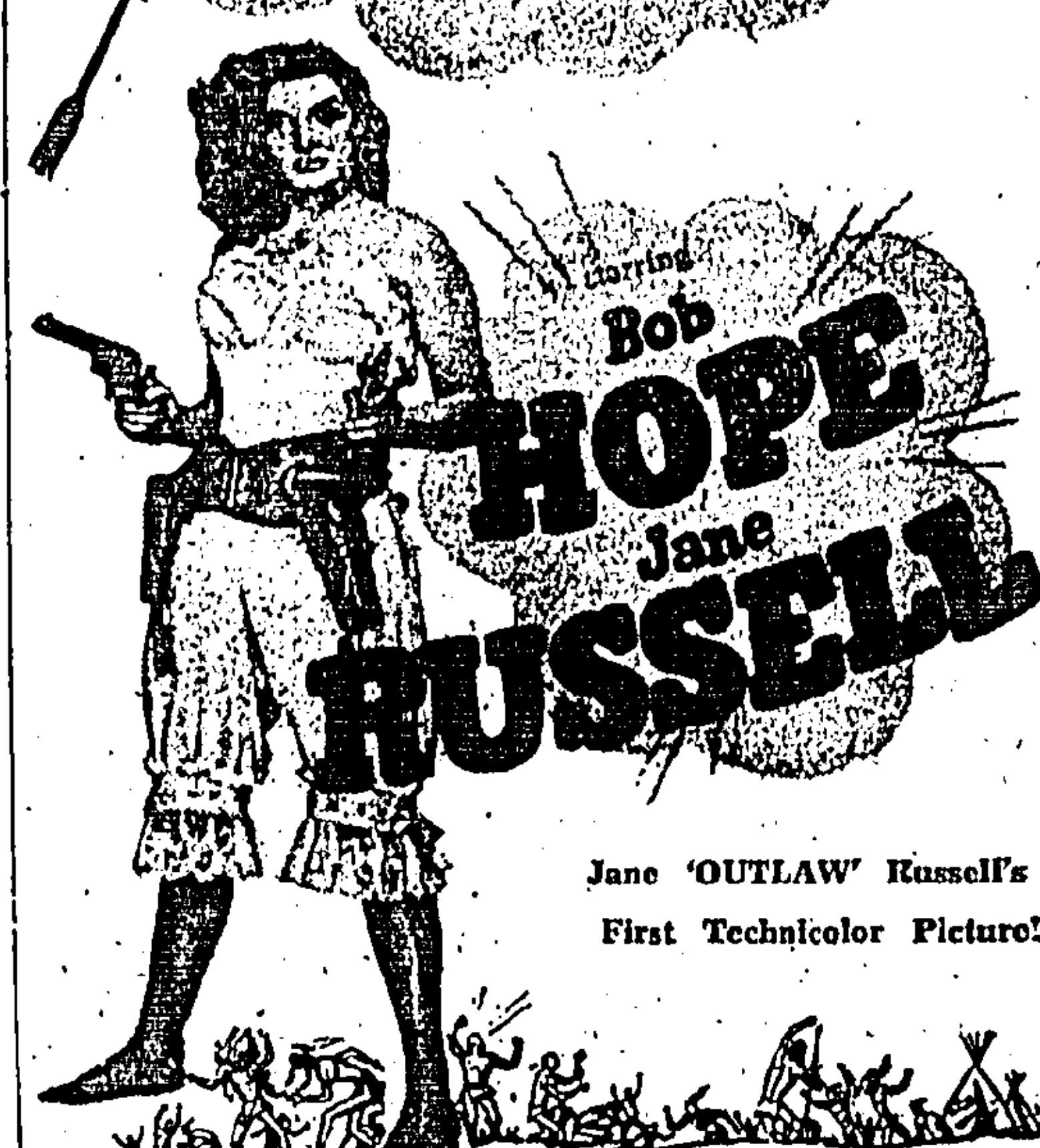
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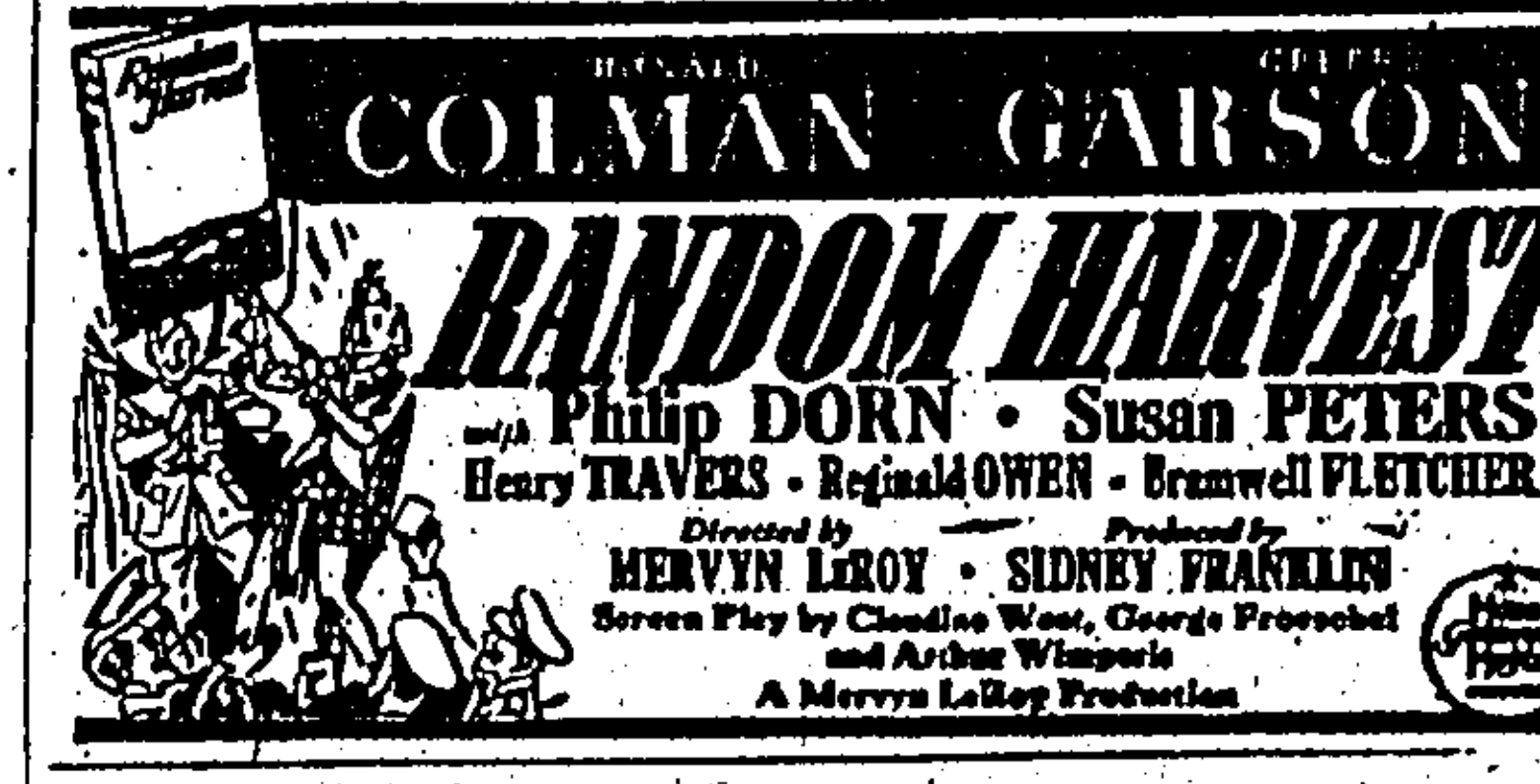
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WINSTON CHURCHILL'S WAR MEMOIRS: THE SECOND BOOK

THEIR FINEST HOUR

"This Sector Is Not Dangerous!"

By Winston Churchill

The Belgian Government, to preserve their neutrality, had forbidden the Anglo-French Army to enter Belgium before the German invasion occurred on the night of May 9-10, 1940. Gen. Gamelin's "Plan D" for an advance by the Allied left to the Meuse-Antwerp line was put into effect.

During the previous winter the British, with the French First Army on their right, had constructed new lines and an anti-tank ditch along the Franco-Belgian frontier.

It is a haunting question whether the whole policy of Plan D should not have been reviewed upon this basis, and whether we would not have been wiser to stand and fight on the French frontier, and amid these strong defences invite the Belgian Army to fall back upon them, rather than the hazardous and hurried forward leap to the Dyle or the Albert Canal.

No one can understand the decisions of that period without realising the immense authority wielded by the French military leaders and the belief of every French officer that France had the primacy in the military art.

France had conducted and carried the main weight of the terrible land fighting from 1914 to 1918. She had lost 1,400,000 men killed. Foch had held the supreme command and the great British Imperial Army of 70 or 80 divisions had been placed like the Americans unreservedly under his orders. Now the British Expeditionary Army numbered but 300,000 or 400,000 men, spread from the bases at Havre and along the coast forward to the line, covered with nearly 100 French divisions; or over 2,000,000 Frenchmen, actually holding the long front from Belgium to Switzerland. It was natural therefore that we should place ourselves under their command, and that their judgment should be accepted.

It had been intended that Gen. Georges should command the French and British armies in the field from the moment when war was declared, and Gen. Gamelin was expected to retire to an advisory position on the French Military Council. However, Gen. Gamelin was averse to yielding his command to a generalissimo. He retained the supreme direction. A voracious conflict of authority took place between him and Gen. Georges during the eight months' lull. Gen. Georges, in my opinion, never had the chance to make the strategic plan in its integrity and on his own responsibility.

The British General Staff and our headquarters in the field had long been anxious about the gap between the Northern end of the Maginot Line and the beginning of the Franco-Belgian frontier. Mr. Horre-Bellah, the Secretary of State for War, raised the point in the War Cabinet on several occasions. Representations were made through military channels. Considering, however, our relatively small contribution, the Cabinet and our military leaders were naturally shy of criticising those whose armies were 10 times as strong as our own. The French thought that the Ardennes were impassable for large modern armies. Marshal Petain had told the Senate Army Commission: "This sector is not dangerous."

A great deal of field work was done along the Meuse, but nothing like a strong line of pillboxes and anti-tank obstacles, such as the British had made along the Belgian sector, was attempted. Moreover, Gen. Corap's Ninth French Army was mainly composed of troops who were definitely below the French standard. From Sedan front of 50 miles, there were no permanent fortifications, and only two divisions of professional troops.

One cannot be strong everywhere. It is often right and necessary to hold long sectors of a frontier with light covering forces, but this, of course, should be only with the object of gathering large reserves for counter-attacks when the enemy's striking-points are revealed. The spreading of 43 divisions, or half the mobile French Army, from Longwy to the Swiss frontier, the whole of which was either defended by the Maginot Line forts, or by the broad swift-flowing Rhine with its own strong system behind it, was an imprudent disposition.

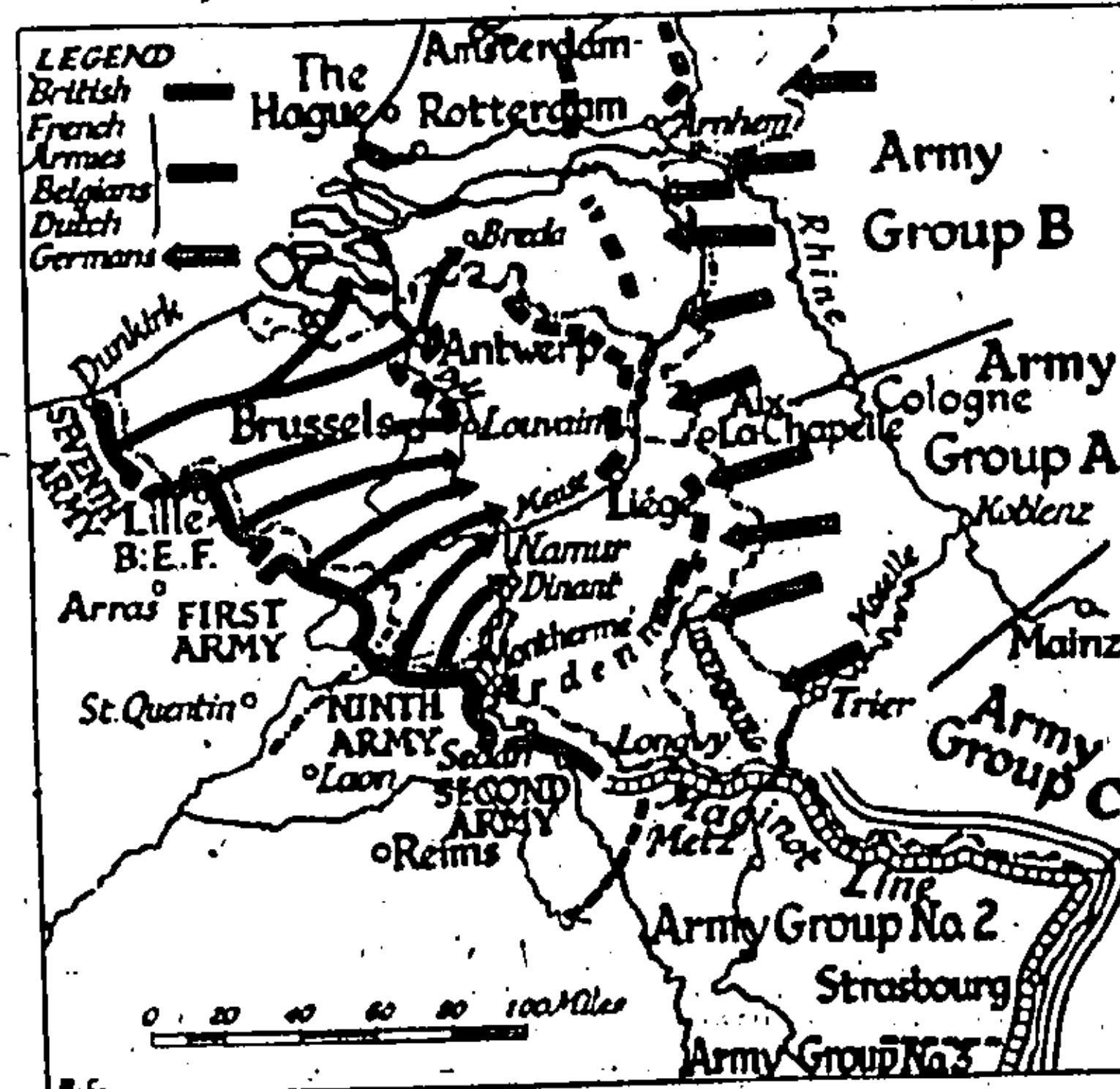
The risks that have to be run in the emergency at the moment of its development, and for some time afterwards. If it be accepted that the Parliamentary discussion revealed ignorance of the Hong Kong problem, this served merely to lend emphasis to the necessity for relying very largely upon our own resources. The answer, therefore, must be regarded as plain for every able-bodied citizen eligible for the Force.

by the defender are more trying than those which an assailant, who is presumably the stronger at the point of attack, must dare. Where very long fronts are concerned, they can only be met by strong mobile reserves which can rapidly intervene in a decisive battle. A weight of opinion supports the criticism that the French reserves were inadequate, and such as they were, badly distributed. After all, the gap behind the Ardennes opened the shortest road from France to Paris, and had for centuries been a famous battle-ground. If the enemy penetrated here the whole forward movement of the Northern Armies would be deprived of its pivot, and all their communications would be endangered equally with the capital.

Looking back, we can see that Mr. Chamberlain's War Cabinet, in which I served and for whose acts I neglect I take my full share of responsibility, ought not to have been deterred from threatening the matter out with the French in the autumn and winter of 1939. It would have been an unpleasant and difficult argument, for the French at every stage

was no reason to suppose that the operations were not going well. However, during the 13th Lord Gort's headquarters became aware of the weight of the German thrust on the front of the French Ninth Army. By nightfall the enemy had established themselves on the West bank of the Meuse, on either side of Dinant and Sedan. The French GQG (Grand-Quartier General) were not yet certain whether the main German effort was directed through Luxembourg against the left of the Maginot Line or through Maestricht towards Brussels. Along the whole front Louvain-Namur-Dinant-Sedan an intense, heavy battle had developed, but under conditions which General Gamelin had not contemplated, for at Dinant the French Ninth Army had no time to install themselves before the enemy was upon them.

During the 14th the bad news began to come in. At first all was vague. At 7 p.m. I read to the Cabinet a message received from M. Reynaud stating that the Germans had broken through at Sedan, that the French were unable



THE FORWARD MOVEMENTS STARTING 10 MAY

could say: "Why do you not send more troops of your own? Will you not take over a wider sector of the front? If resources are lacking, pray supply them. We have 5,000,000 men mobilised. We follow your ideas about the war at sea; we conform to the plans of the British Admiralty. Pray show a proper confidence in the French Army and in our historic mastery of the art of war on land." Nevertheless we ought to have done it.

The Signal

The French "mobilisation" of 5,000,000 included many not under arms, e.g., in factories, on the land, &c.

At the signal the Northern Armies sprang to the rescue of Belgium and poured forward along all the roads amid the cheers of the inhabitants. The first phase of Plan D was completed by May 12. The French held the left bank of the Meuse to Huy, and their light forces beyond the river were falling back before increasing enemy pressure. The armoured divisions of the French First Army reached the line Huy-Hannut-Tirlemont. The Belgians, having lost the Albert Canal, were falling back to the line of the river Getto and taking up their prescribed position from Antwerp to Louvain. They still held Liege and Namur.

The French Seventh Army occupied the islands of Walcheren and South Beveland, and were engaged with mechanised units of the German Eighteenth Army on the line Horenbals-Bergen-op-Zoom. So rapid had been the advance of the French Seventh Army that it had already cut off its ammunition supplies. The superiority in quality though not in numbers of the British Army Force was already apparent. Thus up till the night of the 12th there

first planned in November, 1939. The mines were designed to flood down the Rhine and destroy enemy bridges and shipping. They were fed into the river from French territory upstream.)

Cruel Losses

All the British air squadrons fought continuously, their principal effort being against the pontoon bridges in the Sedan area. Several of these were destroyed and others damaged in desperate and devoted attacks. The losses in the low-level attacks on the bridges from the German anti-aircraft fire were cruel. In one case, six aircraft only one returned from the successful task. On that day alone we lost a total of 40 machines, and being engaged principally with the enemy's anti-aircraft, accounted for only three German aircraft. That night there remained in France of the Royal Air Force only 200 serviceable aircraft out of 474.

This detailed information came only gradually, but the continuance of fighting on this scale would soon of itself consume the British Air Force in spite of its individual ascendancy. The hard question of how much we could send from Britain without leaving ourselves defenceless and thus depriving power to continue the war pressed upon us. Our own natural promptings and many weighty military arguments lent force to the incessant, vehement French appeals. On the other hand there was a limit, and that limit transgressed would cost us our life.

Fighter Position

At this time all these issues were discussed by the whole War Cabinet, which met several times a day. At the head of our metropolitan Fighter Command, had declared to me that with 25 squadrons of fighters he could defend the island against the whole might of the German Air Force, but that with less he would be overpowered. This would have entailed not only the destruction of all our airfields and our air power, but of the aircraft factories on which our whole future hung. My colleagues and I were resolved to run all risks for the sake of the battle up to that limit—and those risks were very great—but not to go beyond it, no matter what the consequences might be.

About 7.30 on the morning of the 15th I was woken up with the news that M. Reynaud was on the telephone at my bedside. He spoke in English, and evidently under stress. "We have been defeated," he said again, "we are beaten; we have lost the battle."

I said: "Surely it can't have happened so soon?" But he replied: "The front is broken near Sedan; they are pouring through in great numbers with tanks and armoured cars—or words to that effect."

I then said: "All experience shows that the offensive will come to an end after a while. I remember March 21, 1918. After five or six days they have to halt for supplies, and the opportunity for counter-attack is presented. I learned all this at the time from the lips of Marshal Foch himself." Certainly, this was what we had always seen in the past and what we ought to have seen now. However, the French Premier came back to the sentence with which he had begun, which proved indeed only too true: "We are defeated; we have lost the battle." I said I was willing to come over and have a talk.

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LEWIS—HILDA CRUZ—Due to an accident to Mr. F. Lewis, his wedding to Miss Hilda Cruz, which was to have taken place at St. Margaret's Church today at 2.30 p.m. has had to be unavoidably postponed.

VOLUNTEERS

For all practical purposes, the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, as we have known it, closes its long and honourable career this evening at a farewell gathering of members past and present. At its passing few will shed a tear, though most will remember their associations with the HKVDC with pride and a certain amount of sentiment, born of many happy days and the tried and trusted comradeships of a prisoner of war camp. Those, however, are days long past. It is but a shadow of the former Corps, a moribund obsolescence that is disappearing, not because there was no prospect of its revival, but because, since the war, no serious test has been made of surviving loyalties, or of the willingness of the younger generation to fill its depleted ranks. No-one would make so bold as to suggest that all the lessons of December 1941 were thoroughly absorbed, but at least the weaknesses of the pre-war defence organisation were clearly exposed, and for the decision to post-pone any attempt to re-build a local volunteer unit until a scheme had been evolved holding promise of reducing the margin for error and confusion, there has been general approval. Intelligent examination of the new scheme reveals many merits. It is an excellent example of a local defence plan shaped to meet future needs within local borders and providing for the closest liaison from the outset between all units, civil and military, grouped into what might be termed a Task Force. Naturally, the programme outlined has not escaped criticism, but the attack has been on the official conception of Hong Kong's present-day needs rather than on the structure of the "Ride Plan" assuming that the experts are right. This is essentially a highly debatable point to which no final answer is likely to be supplied unless the Colony is so unfortunate that events conspire to force the issue to practical test. For the present, the primary fact is the passage of the Defence Force Ordinance, in which the old HKVDC will appear in a New Look garb as the Hong Kong Regiment, starting all recruiting from absolute scratch, and commencing with the elimination of any spirit suggestive of "playing at soldiers." In the near future, if not tomorrow, a strenuous recruiting campaign will begin, and the nature of the response will be awaited with a somewhat anxious interest. In this matter, preliminary encouragement has been lacking, but we disagree strongly with the view of a correspondent whose letter is published elsewhere in this issue. It would be most unfortunate if Colonel Ride were compelled to adopt as his theme tune "Never say Never Again!" for if the Parliamentary discussions demonstrated anything, it was that any sudden outbreak affecting Hong Kong, internally or externally, would find the Colony almost wholly dependent upon the efficiency of its own manpower to meet



Demolition of the last remaining portion of the old City Hall has commenced. But, perhaps after all, this is no subject for jokes.

"Humourist Author To Revisit Hong Kong." If it happens a third time, we shall begin to suspect this is more than coincidence.

Hong Kong complains that nobody seems to want its Defence Medal. In U.K. over 4,000 awards in the Order of the British Empire have not been claimed. Perhaps if we could arrange a swap!

Protests against the sand monopoly are said to have fallen on deaf ears. It would probably be subversive to suggest that a sand-bag might fall with more effect.

"We are too often" inclined to think that democracy is something which can be created by a single act of legislation," says the birds publishing the Bernacchi talks. And evidently, on the subject of our proposed Municipal Council, we are too often inclined to think.

A friend gave a Maori a brand-new boomerang. Now he's going mad trying to throw the old one away.

"Perhaps because one has lived, some dog has found a home, some bird has been set free, some kitten has been stroked."—Beverly Nichols. Ever patted a child?

One bluff is as good as another. Maybe, if a few cases arrived here marked "Top Secret, Oak Ridge to Hong Kong" we could forget all about Defence Force.

Four million dollars worth of palm oil is to be stockpiled. A new application of the silver bullet principle!

Tiger, tiger, brown eyes bright Wandering round Shatin at night. Seen by day you are I fear Just some slick blackmarketeer.

"The taxi business is not the goldmine many people think it is. Alas not! Sometimes there's a bit of quartz sticking to the nuggets."

A meeting of Hong Kong Ceylones is reported. Some Cingalese also attended.

The little moppet seemed a little sceptical about the tale of "The Old Woman Who Lived In A Shoe." "It is perfectly reasonable," explained father, "after all I'm living on a shoestring."

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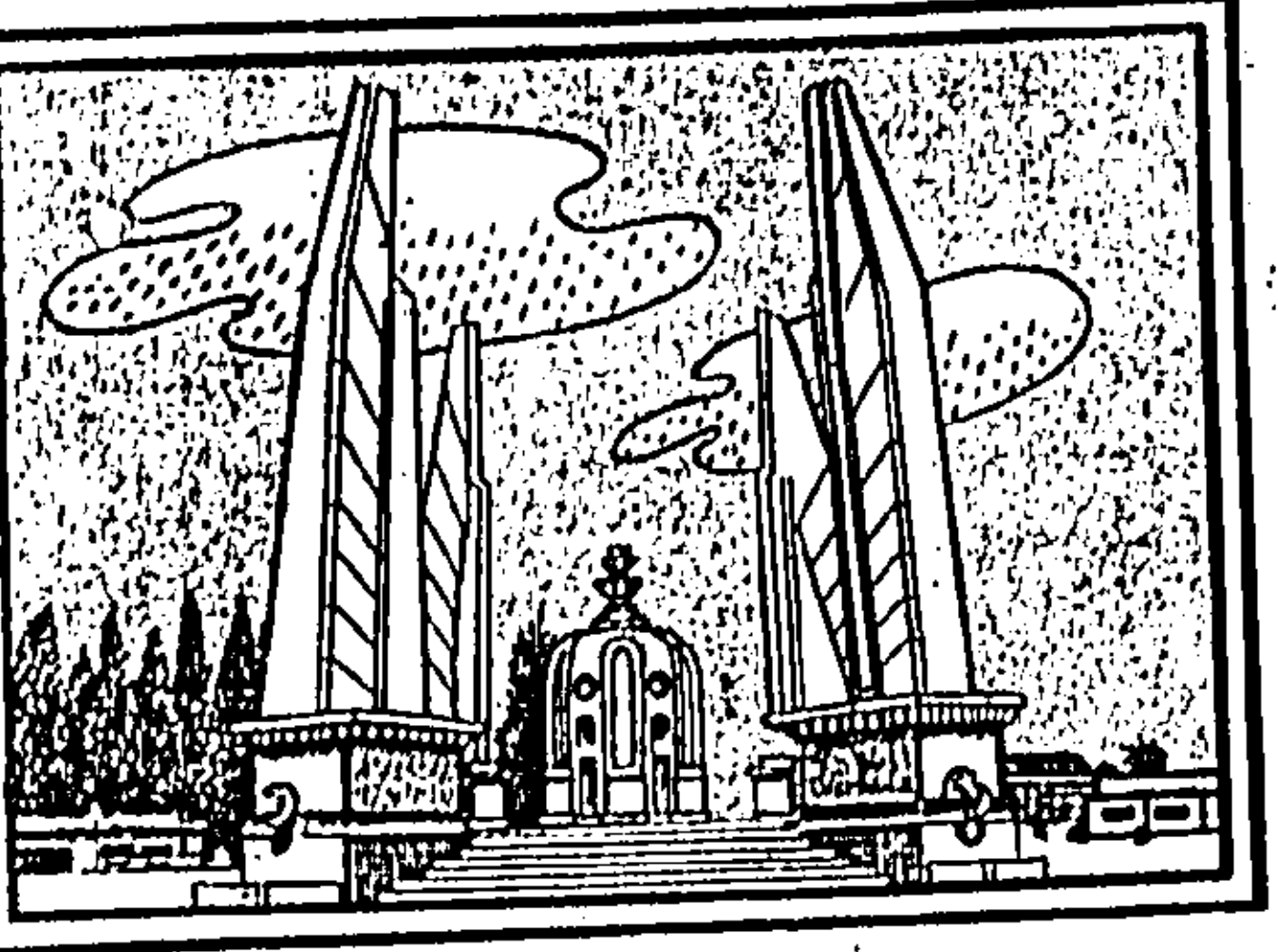
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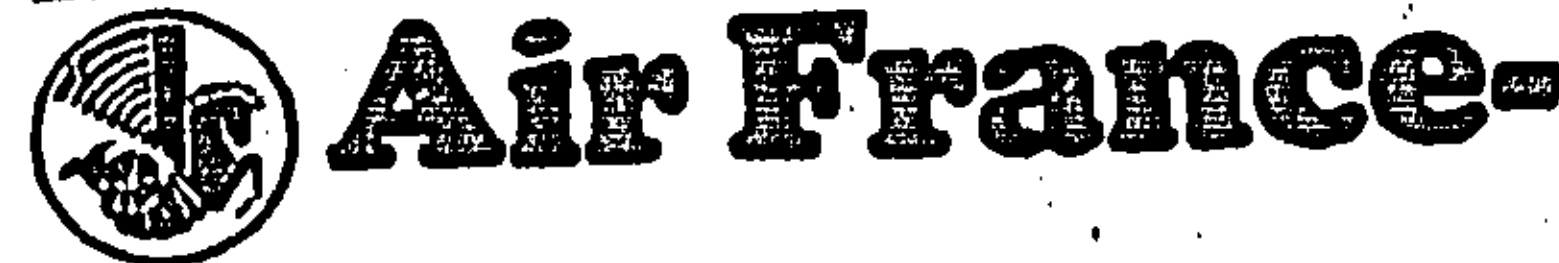
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RUSSIANS CRITICISED FOR 'NAZI' DIPLOMACY

Oslo, February 8.
Scandinavia's non-Communist newspapers today predicted that Norway will hold out against mounting Russian pressure and make her own decision on whether to join the projected North Atlantic Alliance.

Foreign Business In Japan

Tokyo, February 7.
Control over civilian businessmen in Japan should be returned to civilian authority at the earliest possible opportunity, Mr. Denis McEvoy, President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan, said today at a luncheon given by the Chamber in honour of Mr. Kenneth Royall, the U.S. Army Secretary.

Mr. McEvoy said this is the first of the problems that must be resolved if the Chamber is to make the fullest possible contribution to the economic recovery of Japan.

"While the Army is a magnificent organisation for winning the war and for the defence of our country, it is not adaptable to unimpeded person-to-person buying and selling—the old commercial system which must exist if trade is to flourish," he said.

Secondly, he recommended that a great share of the present American tax money pouring into Japan for rehabilitation purposes be taken over by private enterprise.

The new investment policy, he said, is a major step but it does not go far enough.

Other required measures, Mr. McEvoy stated, include the establishment of further patent and trade mark legislation, the convertibility and conversion rate of yen into dollars, the enactment of tax legislation designed to encourage local and foreign capital to go into productive channels and the prompt establishment of procedures for settling claims.

Mr. Royall, in reply, said he does not hold any immediate hope for the relaxation of control over foreign businessmen in Japan.—Reuter.

America Swept By More Blizzards

Chicago, February 7.
Icy winds howling down out of the Rocky Mountains whipped snow into huge new drifts today.

Many crack trans-Continental trains were cancelled and grave new cattle losses threatened.

Wide areas of the West, struggling against the worst winter in history, reeled under the impact of the new storm.

The Chicago and North Western Railway cancelled all through trains to the West except one.

At Omaha, the commander of the Fifth Army's "Operation Snowbound" said reports from county agents indicate heavy new livestock losses in the great plains blizzard area.

New storms hit California, Oregon, Wyoming, Nebraska and other areas.

Roads in Wyoming, which were opened by Army built dozer crews, closed again when

Russia is strongly attacked for offering a Soviet-Norwegian non-aggression pact to Oslo.

Many papers say that the pact, offered last Saturday, will be valueless, and some even compare Russian diplomacy with that of Nazi Germany.

The editorial attack on the Soviet Union by the Swedish press is probably the heaviest since the end of the war. Oslo newspapers say that Norway has no other aim than to secure her peace and freedom and wants to study the planned Atlantic defence system.

Foreign observers in Moscow predict that Russia's offer to Norway will be followed by offers of similar non-aggression pacts to Sweden and Denmark.

A Swedish foreign office spokesman says no such approach has yet been made to Sweden. Political observers in Stockholm say Sweden will refuse to enter into such an agreement with Russia on the grounds that it will compromise the traditional Swedish policy of "no pacts or alliances with any great powers."

The Norwegian Foreign Minister, Halvard M. Lange now in Washington, is discussing what commitments and guarantees will be involved if Norway joins the North Atlantic Alliance.

Lange's Talks In Washington

The projected alliance is being negotiated by the U.S., Canada, Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. Moscow has said the alliance is aimed at Russia and violates the UN Charter.

During the unsuccessful talks with Norway and Denmark on a Scandinavian alliance, Sweden insisted that the grouping be not tied in with either the East or West. Washington served notice that American arms cannot go to any such alliance since there are only enough to distribute to countries co-operating in collective defence arrangements with the United States.

Dr. Lange said in Washington tonight that Norway considers she has made clear to the Soviet

Union her position concerning the granting of bases on her territory in the event of a threat to her security.

Speaking to reporters after a 30-minute conference with Mr. Dean Acheson, U.S. Secretary of State, Dr. Lange said: "To my mind, my first reply to the Russian Government was a clear answer."

"He was referring to the response he gave the first Soviet note to the effect that Norway does not intend to grant the use of military bases except in time of war or unless her security is directly threatened."

The immediate interpretation placed on Dr. Lange's remarks about the Russian questions on bases is that he considers that he has already fully answered them and is taking a firm stand against further pressure.

Not Invited Yet

Dr. Lange described his meeting with Mr. Acheson as "preliminary" and added: "We hope to return to the problem a little later in the week."

Questioned on the details of his first discussion with the Secretary of State, he reiterated: "We have come to gather information with a view to learning in and in order to report to the Norwegian Cabinet and Parliament as to whether or not Norway ought to accept an invitation to join in the preparatory talks on the Atlantic Pact."

No such invitation has yet been tendered, Dr. Lange said. He refused to give further details of today's discussions or to comment further on the Russian note beyond stating that it is under review by the Norwegian Cabinet.

He and Mr. Acheson did not mention it today, he added.

Dr. Lange was cheerful but firm in his replies to reporters. Mr. Acheson took the unusual step of leaving his office to pose besides the Norwegian Foreign Minister for newsreel and press photographs.

In London

The Norwegian Ambassador in London, Mr. P.P. Fredensborg, today visited Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, and explained his Government's position in the light of Russia's declaration on Norway's possible adherence to the projected Atlantic Union.

Count Edward Royentlow, the Danish Ambassador, will see Mr. Bevin tomorrow morning. He has been instructed by his Government to give a similar explanation.

Mr. G. Haegglof, of Sweden, who, with the Norwegian and Danish Ambassadors, attended the recent Scandinavian defence talks, saw Mr. Bevin last Tuesday.

Scandinavian officials in London confirm the impression that

one more effort will be made both in London and Washington to enlist British and American sympathy for the idea of an all-Scandinavian defence pact whose effectiveness will be supported by arms deliveries from the Western powers.—Associated Press and Reuter.

The Kremlin's Nazi Tactics

Paris, February 7.
The Conservative evening newspaper Le Monde today compared Russia's offer of a non-aggression pact to Norway with similar offers made by Hitler to his intended victims.

"We are faced with the classic manoeuvre of division," Le Monde said. "An attempt is being made to prevent any grouping of neighbouring countries by promising them an illusory security."

Stalin's policy resembles Hitler's too much for it to be possible to make any mistake. The United States Government and other interested Governments will need much firmness and cleverness to avoid at once the appearance of a capitulation and the aggravation of the tension resulting from the Soviet initiative.—Reuter.

Demob Is Almost Over

London, February 7.
The demobilisation of Britain's wartime forces is almost complete, the Ministry of Labour and National Service stated today.

Last December, 13,950 men were released from the Navy, Army and Royal Air Force. In the same period 1,200 women were released from the three Services. The Army released 7,540 men, the RAF 5,440 and the Navy 970.

Six hundred and sixty women were released from the Army, 290 from the Royal Air Force and 250 from the Navy.

From June 18, 1945, to December 31, 1948, a total of 4,984,195 men and 474,970 women were released from the Services. The Army released 3,156,880, the RAF 1,049,230 and the Navy 778,070.—Reuter.

Non-White Front In South Africa

Durban, February 7.
Africans and Indians from all over South Africa today attended a meeting here.

The meeting decided that the recent Durban race riots were caused by the political, social, and economic structure of the country and "the preaching in high places of race intolerance and hatred."

The meeting, held by the Indian Congress and the African National Congress, is described as the first step in the formation of a United non-European front. It was fixed for later this year but called yesterday as an emergency session to discuss the implications of the race riots in which more than 120 Africans and Indians died.

It unanimously passed a resolution that "whatever are the immediate causes which precipitated the outbreak and which are receiving the attention of this meeting, the meeting is convinced that the functional and basic causes of the disturbances are traceable to the political, economic and social structure of this country, based on differential discriminatory treatment of various race groups and the preaching in high places of race intolerance and hatred."

"Any disturbances, such as the recent riots, are therefore the fruits and results of such a policy as well as the responsibility of those who create and maintain such an artificial social framework."

The meeting decided to set up joint councils of the participating bodies to "advance and promote mutual understanding and goodwill among our respective peoples."

A resolution called upon these councils to "stand together in their fight for national liberation and mutual political, economic and social advancement and security." It was unanimously decided to appoint a joint commission charged with presenting the African-Indian case to the Government's Riots Inquiry Commission.—Reuter.

BRITON PRISONER OF KAREN REBELS

Rangoon, February 7.
Norman West, reporter for an English-language newspaper, has been captured by Karen insurgents while covering the battle at Insein, 11 miles North of Rangoon.

Another reporter, a Burmese, Maung Than, was also captured and is believed to have been shot dead. Both men entered the fighting area on news assignments.

Meanwhile, Burma Government forces today opened a full-scale offensive against the Karens in Insein.

Pro-Government reports say that Burma Air Force planes took part in sweeps and attacks on insurgent positions in the area.

Karen units of the Burmese armed forces in North Burma have been disarmed by the Government, according to tonight's official communique. Precautions were taken in various parts of the country and garrisons have been alerted.

The communique reported clashes between Government troops and Karen insurgents at a point North of Nyaung-U, on the Rangoon-Mandalay railway. The rebels were said to be retreating to the North under heavy Government pressure.

British Embassy sources today evacuated 30 Britons, including 10 women and 14 children, from Insein just before the Government forces launched a full-scale offensive on the town.

Rangoon Tension

Other Britons decided to remain inside Insein. The evacuees said the insurgents holding the town gave them food and water while they sheltered in a school in Insein during the Government attacks.

Burma Government planes took part in today's offensive which began at noon, the deadline for the Karens to surrender.

New Trade Agreement With Japs

London, February 8.
Britain and several Commonwealth countries will begin trade talks in Tokyo on February 15, hoping for a one-year, £75,000,000 agreement with Japan.

Represented in the Commonwealth delegation will be Britain and its colonies, also Australia, India, South Africa and New Zealand.

A trade agreement reached last November between the Commonwealth and occupied Japan provided for a minimum trade volume of £55,000,000.

Anglo-American talks now going on in Washington aim at determining what part cotton will play in the new agreement.

Both British and American cotton interests are concerned about the effects of Japanese competition on their textile industries. Board of Trade officials declare.—Associated Press.

Most Important For Peace

Washington, February 8.
Representative Frances P. Bolton, Ohio Republican, suggested today that the United States cannot afford to allow China to fall under Communist domination.

In a speech in the House of Representatives, she said: "What area in the world is more important to peace, to freedom and so to the United States than China? What area is more important to Soviet plans for world control?"

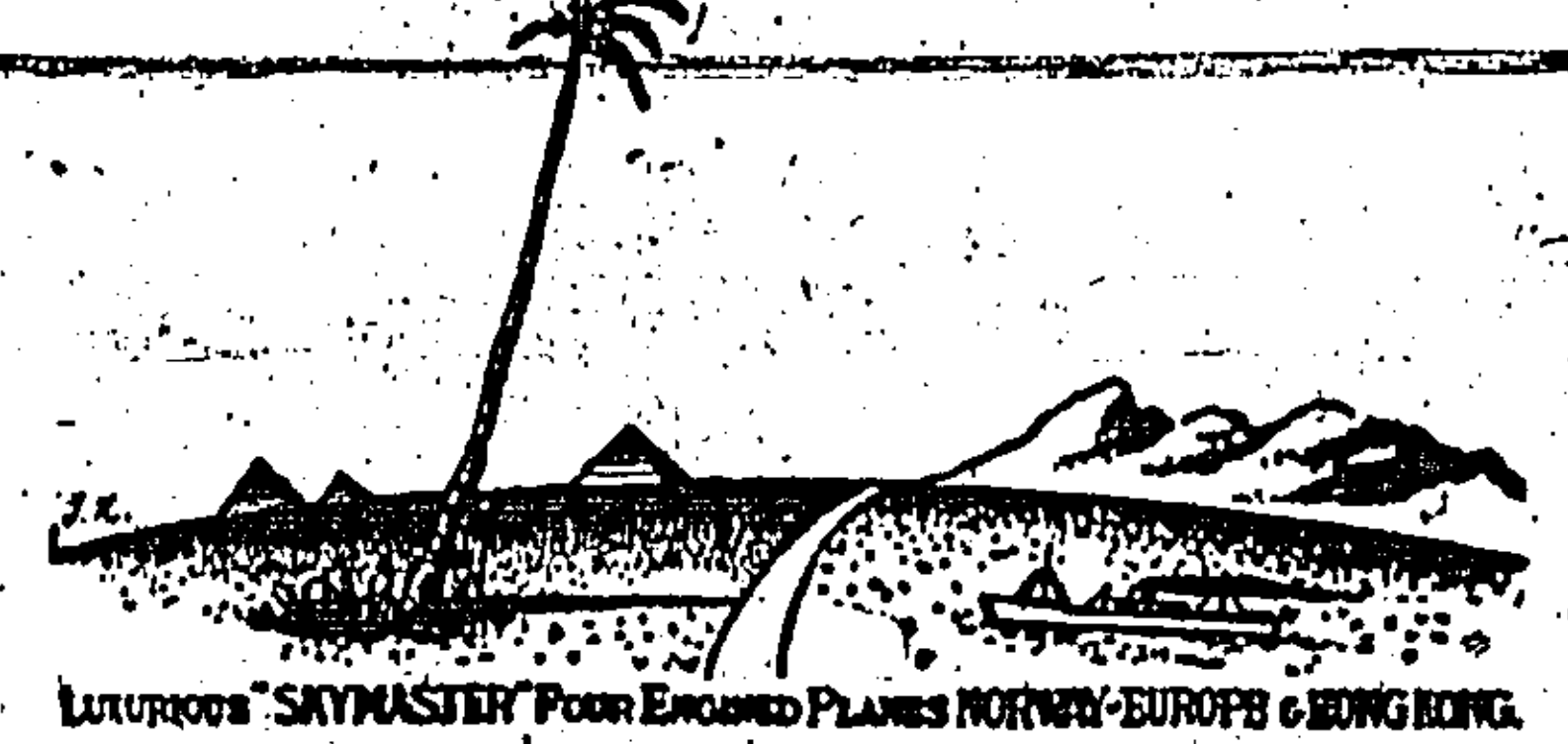
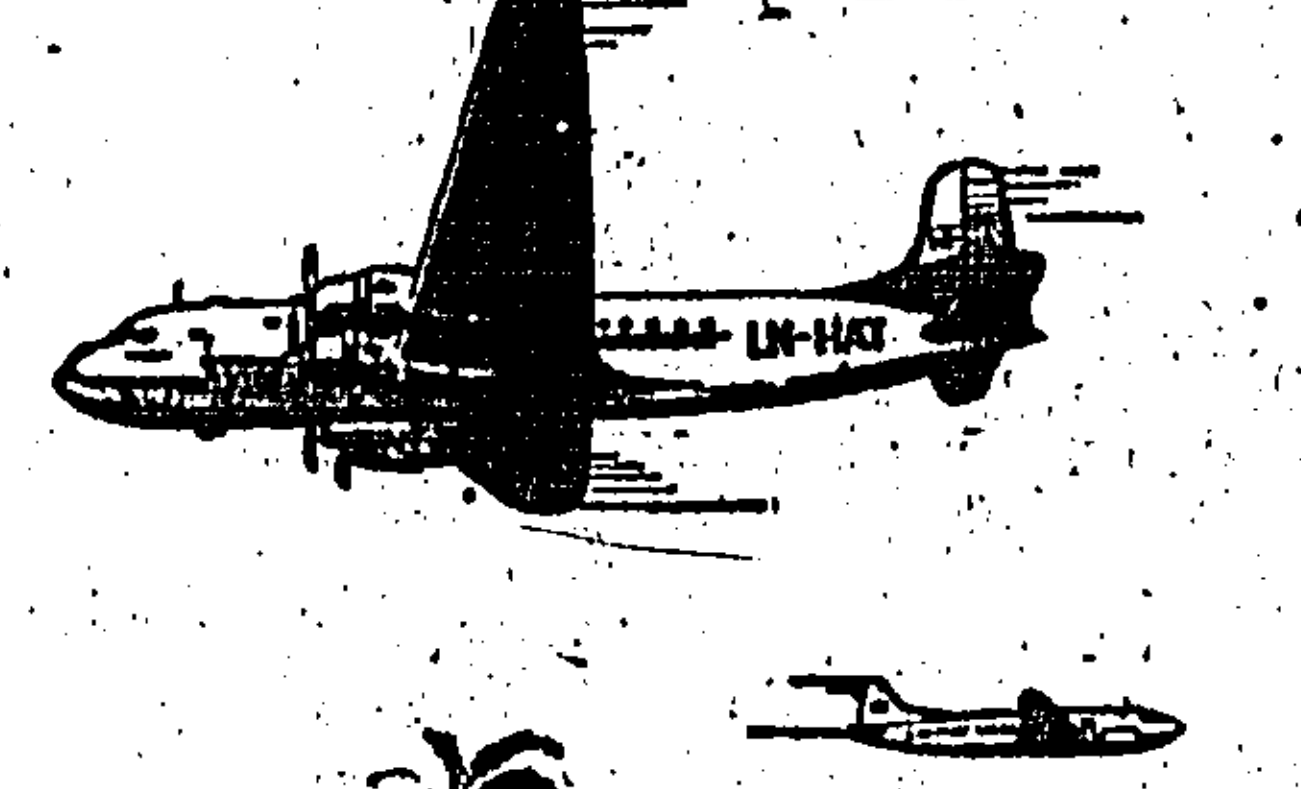
"No country has suffered so much from the vacillations and mistakes of our changing policies and our ignorance than this great land of China,"—Associated Press.

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Woman Today

DETAILS ARE IMPORTANT

By Jane Barry

Fashions in the coming season will be varied, and if you seek to know what makes them so different one from another, you will find that it is often the detail.

Even in skirts there is great variety. Worth, as the accompanying sketch shows, pleats the back of an otherwise straight skirt and brings the fullness forward in a basque movement on either hip.

Elsewhere designers are slashing their straight skirts up one side or wrapping them over in an envelope pleat or fold. Some skirts are slashed up the back. Waistlines come in for their share of originality. Nearly always moulded to the natural line, many are marked high with a belt and sometimes boast two belts, as in the case of a Jean Dessea model where a belt at the normal waistline is secondary to one marking a high princess line.

Fur Trimmings

As to fur trimmings, you will find that many of these make all the difference between one model and another. Paquin uses blue fox lavishly, setting it on collars which broaden shoulders that might otherwise be considered sloping, and edging the bangs of afternoon jackets with this same fur. Jacques Heim uses fox to emphasise the spiral lines of many coats and jackets colling it around the neck and allowing it the wrap-over designs favoured by this house, which has just celebrated its 50th anniversary.

When the Maison Heim was opened by Monsieur and Madame I. Heim in 1899 it was situated in an entirely different district of Paris from the sauve West End where you find it today. Years ago the neighbourhood of the Grand Boulevards was the centre of fashion, and there Heim made a name for his furs, gradually developing a specialty cloth coats, almost classic in line, owe their individual charm to just embroidery, to soutache trimmings on their collars, revers, and pockets, or to the way in which jet sequins and beads are used to emphasise a basque effect.

Embroidery is, of course, an all-important detail of fashion just now. Intimable black tailormade, almost classic in line, owe their individual charm to just embroidery, to soutache trimmings on their collars, revers, and pockets, or to the way in which jet sequins and beads are used to emphasise a basque effect.

Jewellery In Collar Style

The way you wear your pearls and costume jewellery is important, too, just now. Many of the new necklaces shown by Moynoux are more like embroidered collars than anything else. Strands of irregularly shaped copper beads are arranged in collar effects with a twist or knot in front.

All-important at the moment are smoke-gray pearls or gun-metal beads. These look delightful on black, as well as with the many shades of gray so much in vogue.

One of the latest ideas is an immensely long strand of large gun-metal beads that can be twisted several times round the throat, in a tight dog-collar, or even in a loose strand, casually knotted at the base of a low, pointed décolletage.

Really delightful accessories are those shown by Marcel Rochas in his newly redecorated "boutique" or specialty shop. There are gloves, scarves, handbags, belts, costume jewellery, and perfumes.

Chantilly Holds Its Own

Most readers probably know the Rochas perfume "Penne" in its black Chantilly lace-covered box, and will not be surprised to hear that Rochas is still addicted to black Chantilly.

Among the accessories shown in this newly arranged display are numerous pastel coloured crepe scarf-squares printed with a black lace pattern, arranged in a huge triangle in their centres, and teaming up with delicate black lace, rather a luxury line in gloves nowadays, but nevertheless popular with his clients.

More practical are the many black suede gloves Rochas has to show with colour-lined gambles to turn back upon the wrist. The prettiest are lined with dark olive-green suede, with raspberry-red, mustard-yellow, flame-blue and lilac-mauve.

Inspired by a new perfume known as "Rose de Rochas", there are black suede gloves trimmed with little pink satin roses sewn upon the back of the hand, or upon the thumb only, while for evening wear the gayest thing you can choose is a long pair of black suede gloves worn all over with sparkling brilliant, emerald, sapphire or other colourful stones. Gloves and a brilliant bracelet, and a decided "make an attractive ensemble for those who like a little glitter and are on the lookout for something new.

BEAUTY BOX

by Margaret Leighton
Star of "Bonnie Prince Charlie"

I HATE this—pencilled eyes. It gives an unnatural staring expression to the face. So there are no tweezers on my dressing-table and I never pluck my eyebrows even for filming a close-up.

If you disagree and feel you have very untidy eyebrows, just trim them to their natural shape. Instead of envying brunettes, blondes should smooth their eyebrows and eyelashes with oil every morning before going to bed. It darkens them naturally.

Then, if necessary, shade your brows, emphasising their shape with brown eyebrow pencil.

Line over the hips.



Variety in French styles appears even in skirts, as illustrated by this afternoon frock of black wool, from Worth. Sunray pleating in basque is brought forward in a basque line over the hips.

Again a basque effect is featured by this seasonal gown from Paris, designed by Maggy Rouff. It's of black moire silk with slim skirt slit up the back and back buttoning.

Your life and Mine

by IRIS ASHLEY

At a dinner party recently I remarked that it would be good fun to get our readers to suggest subjects to write about.

A pleasant voice from across the table said: "Why don't you write about me? It's about 20 years since I had a waistline."

"I guess I could wear most of my dresses upside down and not notice it! You'd think from all you read that women like me were a lost cause; but we're not. Not by a long way," and she laughed.

"I looked and saw a carefully groomed, buxom little woman whose expression had a kind of serenity, and whose laugh was warm and full of amusement."

The Same Age
It occurred to me that she was about the same age as two world-famous beauty specialists, Elizabeth Arden and Mme. Helena Rubenstein (nearing 60); and I wondered how they would react to her challenge.

I think I have always regarded the slender, soft-complexioned, vivacious Miss Arden as a shining example of what planned-living and cosmetics CAN do for a woman as her years go by.

On the other hand, I recently learned with some fascination that the equally famous Mme. Rubenstein is no drierd herself. Furthermore, she does not care.

She dresses well, but is of proportions which indicate clearly that she pays but scant attention to the diet of herbal juices on which her clients battle along. Don't do as I do, do as I say... might be her motto.

Mad A Fortune
But Madame has done very nicely, too. She has married, brought up a family who are more than usually devoted to her, travelled widely, and in the course of her career made as much as \$25,000,000.

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It is no fault of theirs if at this point the sad fact sometimes emerges that slimmer and lacquered the lady of 50 merely looks cutie.

Which, as anyone knows, is quite different from a cutie. The difference is about 80 years roughly.

Let me say in a hurry that I am frankly in favour of Beauty Culture, and in no way advocating the general collapse of middle-aged women. Some good daily exercises to control the figure and the use of cosmetics are far removed from the fearful struggle for perennial youth which can make a monkey out of you if you are not careful.

I looked across once more at the lady who had asked me to "write about her," and decided she was such a pleasant person that the pleasure was all mine. I turned to the girl next to me and asked if she knew anything about the lady opposite.

Fashion News From Britain

London's dress designers are by no means constant in their use of the blouse, sometimes showing collections in which blouses planned like the tops of dresses are prominent, sometimes ignoring them altogether.

Yet buyers for big stores all over Britain say that the demand for blouses very rarely varies. Of late, there has been a tendency to introduce a fluffy type which was last fashionable in the first decade of this century, but although lace insets and fronts are attractive to some women the plainly styled well-tailored blouse continues to have a popular appeal.

Even these blouses vary considerably, one of the newest having long sleeves and small turn-over flaps at the neckline which take the place of a collar, others showing a trimming of fine laces and collared necks. All these are a good choice for the business girl or for country wear because they are easily kept in order. An attractive necktie or piece of jewellery can be worn with both the long sleeved blouse and with the collarless models or a colour-ful scarf can be knotted loosely round the neck and kept in place by a jewelled pin.

Hairdressers in Britain have been much resolved in their minds about the introduction of "cold perm" which women can give themselves at home. Apart from anything else, cold perms all agree that there is no doubt that quite a large proportion of the home "permanent-wavers" will find complications and disappointment arising through conflicting chemical reactions on the hair, of the agents used for waving.

Unless the hair and scalp are in first-class condition—which is dependent upon conditions of health—there is no doubt that many women will run into difficulties.

With this in mind, one of London's most famous hairdressers, Riche of Hay Hill, has introduced a postal advisory service on hair culture and its problems. It was this colleague who claims to have introduced into England in 1932 the first system of permanent waving which dispensed with the wires attaching the client's head to a contraption above. Since then he has personally handled nearly a million hair samples.

All good hairdressers test the hair of a client for its elastic properties, and put it under microscopic examination before beginning to "perm" it, and this is the idea behind the new "service" which offers to give a professional report and opinion on individual hair problems, even at long ranges.

PICK-UP PIECES

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Cut-glass and crystal will sparkle if rubbed with a small brush which has been dipped in lemon juice.

Use adhesive tape to remove fragments of fluff or fur that cling to woollen materials.

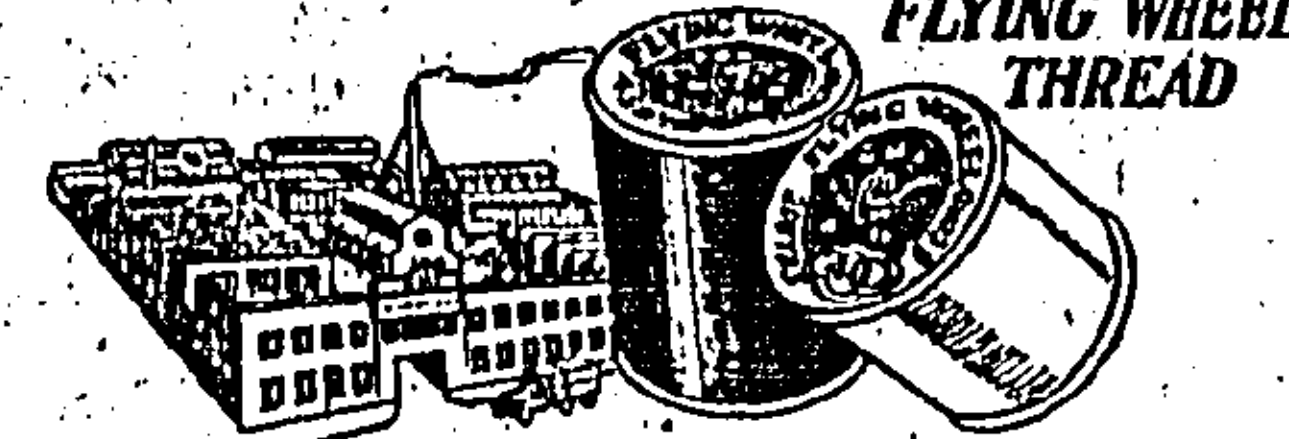
To make hardened mathematical-ious soft and fluffy, place them in the top of a double-boiler, and add a couple of tablespoons of water. Steam until they are soft, and then put on a well-greased plate. After they have cooled they should be easy to lift.

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Anti-Jewish Feeling In Germany

Washington, February 7. An Army adviser on Jewish affairs reported today that anti-Semitism is still deeply rooted in Germany.

Mr. William Haber, adviser to the United States Army command in Germany, said that anti-Semitism is still deeply rooted in Germany.

Mr. Haber said many Germans are not anti-Semitic but most of these just keep quiet on the issue.

He agrees with General Lucius D. Clay that outlawing anti-Semitism is not a solution.

"The eradication of anti-Semitism in Germany must be a spontaneous movement of the German people and must flow from democratisation of Germany," Mr. Haber said.

United Press.

Spanish Anarchists Sentenced

Madrid, February 7. The death sentence has been pronounced on Enrique Marcos Nadal, alleged leader of a group of eight Spaniards tried by court martial at Ocaña, 40 miles South of Madrid.

They were charged with making attempts against the security of the State and with membership of a secret anarchist labour federation.

Three of the accused, Nicolas Muniz, Jose Hortajada and Manuel Martinez Rodriguez, were sentenced to 30 years imprisonment; three others, Jose Garcia Sanchez, Antonio San Felix and Juan Calles, to 12 years, and Jose Yanez Garcia to 17 months.

The sentences, in accordance with court martial procedure, must be approved by the Captain-General of Madrid. The one death sentence will come before a Cabinet meeting, which will confirm or commute it. The group were said to have secretly crossed from France into Spain several months ago to set up provincial committees of the anarchist Federation of Labour, the CNT.—Reuter.

NEW FORM OF STRIKE

Turin, February 7. All branches of the Fiat motor plant at Turin today began a week of "staggered strikes," affecting about 40,000 of the plant's 70,000 workers.

One section after another of the works will down tools for an hour each day in a campaign for more pay. The strike was called by the Communist-dominated Italian General Confederation of Labour.

Members of the independent Metallurgical Workers Union are opposing the strike.—Reuter.

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London, February 7. A "little initiative" from the other side of Europe would be of advantage in settling international differences, the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, said in the House of Commons today.

A Labour Member, Mr. Ronald Chamberlain, had asked him whether "in view of the willingness of both President Truman and Marshal Stalin to meet," he will now offer to arrange such a meeting in London.

"A little energy and initiative might well move mountains," Mr. Chamberlain said.

The Prime Minister replied: "The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin, has again and again taken the initiative. I do not know why you always think all the initiative must come from this country. A little initiative from the other side of Europe would be of advantage."

Mr. Attlee said that as no official communication has been addressed to him by either President Truman or Marshal Stalin, he sees no purpose in intervening as Mr. Chamberlain suggested.

Mr. Chamberlain further asked whether the Prime Minister does not agree that the main obstacle to the settlement of the German question is the refusal of either Marshal Stalin or President Truman to meet in each other's territory, and the desire of the President to bring Britain into the conference will be solved by a meeting in London?

Mr. Attlee replied briefly: "No, sir."

No Pride And Prejudice

Mr. Emrys Hughes, Labour, asked if the Prime Minister does not think the British Government should take the lead in world peace.

Was he aware of the great cordiality with which the Russian sailors (from the battleship Royal Sovereign) which the Russians have just returned to Edinburgh this week-end?

The Prime Minister replied: "I agree on the desirability of doing all we can to encourage world peace, but I am not aware that the best method is that suggested by Mr. Chamberlain."

Mr. H. L. Austin, Labour, suggested that in view of the failure in many respects of orthodox methods, "personal pride and prejudice" should be put aside and the three States put together and settle their differences if there is to be peace.

Mr. Attlee replied: "There is no question of pride and prejudice."

Invite To Russia Turned Down

The Minister of State, Mr. Hector McNeill, rejected a suggestion that Russia be invited to join the proposed North Atlantic security pact.

The left wing Labourite, J. A. Platt-Mills, attacked the proposal as an "aggressive pact" and asked whether the Government will support an invitation for Russia to join it.

Mr. McNeill said: "No, for this reason: Negotiations for the North Atlantic Pact would never have been necessary had not all attempts to organise collective security directly under the United Nations been made impossible—temporarily, it is hoped—by the obstruction, suspicion and non-co-operation of the Soviet Government."

Means Peace

Mr. Platt-Mills retorted: "Isn't this the frank meaning—that this is an aggressive anti-

Soviet pact, labelled North Atlantic, but extending from the Pacific to the South Seas and made in complete departure from the United Nations?"

Mr. McNeill denied that the Atlantic alliance will contradict Britain's obligations under the United Nations, nor he said has the term "collective security" meant anything other than peace.

—Reuter and United Press.

Australian Plan For Production

Canberra, February 7. The Australian Government has a four-point plan for boosting production of essential materials, Mr. J. J. Dedman, Minister for Defence and Postwar Reconstruction, has disclosed.

Mr. Dedman said the plan covers these four main purposes:

1. The use of displaced persons and migrants in key industries.
2. Financial assistance by the Commonwealth Bank for certain industrial undertakings.
3. Priorities for the distribution of materials still under Government control.
4. Comprehensive shipping plans to ensure the delivery of such materials.

These are the only possible measures the Government can take for increasing production, he said.—Reuter.

Synthetic Fuel Plants For War

New York, February 8. Synthetic fuel plants must be developed immediately in the interests of national security and economic welfare, a Government official says.

W. C. Schroeder of the Bureau of Mines proposed to a meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers that three or more commercial-size synthetic fuel plants be built and operated by private industry, with financial assistance provided by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation if necessary.

Both coal and oil shale should be used as raw materials, Schroeder suggests.

"Anticipated military requirements for any future war," he said, "seem almost astronomical. Traditional wild-catting and geological exploration, which have met the need in the past, no longer provide the assurance that demands of the future will be met."

"Synthetic oil from coal and oil shale offers an assured supply for hundreds of years within the borders of the United States—self-sufficiency in peace or war."—United Press.

Want Stopping Of Aid To Dutch

Washington, February 7. A group of nine Republican Senators today introduced a resolution cutting off Economic Cooperation Administration aid to the Netherlands pending settlement of the dispute in Indonesia.

The resolution calls for an end to recovery aid to the Netherlands until hostilities against the Indonesian Republic.

The resolution would require the Netherlands to withdraw troops from a demilitarized zone, release imprisoned Indonesian leaders and open negotiations for settlement. It would require compliance with the Renville Agreement signed under United Nations auspices on January 17, 1948.

In an accompanying resolution, the Senators say the Dutch have received over US\$1,000,000,000 since the end of the war through the ECA, the Export-Import Bank, Lend-Lease and UNRRA and the World Bank and are asking for \$500,000,000 in ECA funds for next year while at the same time maintaining 150,000 troops in Indonesia for the past two years at an expense exceeding \$1,000,000 a day. They add that the Dutch for 30 years

"have taken at least \$200,000,000 a year clear profit out of Indonesia."

The statement suggests that the United States, by continuing to support the Dutch, is throwing all Asia to Moscow, and adds:

"Moscow has seized upon the situation and its radio is proclaiming day and night that the United States is hypocritical, pointing to the fact that we have financed the Dutch and are continuing to do so."

It also asks the question: "Why have the President and the State Department attempted to kill this resolution?"

The statement asks: "Does the Senate intend to take dictation from the Executive Department on all foreign policy matters?"

It also asks the question: "Does the Senate intend to give its right to ask questions regarding our foreign spending policy?"

United Press.

THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH INSTALMENT

CRUSADE IN EUROPE

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's Own Story Of The War In Europe

Lieutenant General Lucius D. Clay came to Europe in April 1945 to act as my deputy for the military government in Germany. For a brief period, earlier in the war, he had performed invaluable services in the European theatre in our logistics system. From the beginning he agreed with me that a civil agency of government should eventually take over the control of Germany, and his whole organisation was definitely separated from the military staff. In this way we were prepared to turn over military government to the State Department with no need for a complete re-organisation.

General Clay later succeeded General McNarney as American commander in Germany, and always maintained this distinction in organisation. More than any other two individuals, Clay and Wickersham deserve credit for the initial establishment of American Military Government in Germany—a performance, in view of the frustrations, obstacles, divided counsels and responsibilities, and difficulties in post-war Allied co-operation, must be classed as brilliant.

By agreement on the political level, SHAEF went out of existence on July 14. To mark the occasion I sent a final message of thanks and good-bye to the entire staff. For the first time in three years I ceased to be an Allied commander. Thereafter my responsibilities were American only.

My personal staff was now joined by Lieutenant Colonel James Stack, Sergeant major in the 2nd Division when I was with it at Fort Lewis, later commissioned and transferred to the Operations Division, where he became executive officer. Colonel Stack had served as my personal representative at the War Department throughout the Mediterranean and European campaigns.

Preliminary agreements for an initial meeting of the Allied Council in Berlin were accomplished with difficulty. Complications included difference in language and laborious methods of communication, the lack of intimate contacts between senior commanders, and the destruction in the city of Berlin which so stringently restricted accommodation. It was not until June 5 that we progressed far enough with all these tortuous negotiations to hold the first formal meeting of the Allied commanders in Berlin.

The purpose was merely to sign our basic proclamation, a document announcing the formation of the Council and assumption of joint responsibility for the administration of Germany. We thought that the papers in the case had been completely agreed upon before we went to Berlin, but when we reached there we discovered that there were questions which the Russians still considered unsettled.

The meeting was arranged for the middle of the afternoon and before it began I seized the opportunity to call at Marshal Zhukov's headquarters to present him with the Chief Commander grade of the Legion of Merit, awarded him by the American Government. I thought Marshal Zhukov an affable and soldierly appearing individual in his own quarters.

When I got back to my own temporary quarters in Berlin I found that there was an unexpected delay in conveying the message, at which Marshal Zhukov was to act as host. This was annoying, as I had to return to Frankfurt that evening.

Through the long afternoon hours we waited, but the English-speaking liaison officer from Zhukov's headquarters could give us no explanation for the delay. Finally, late in the afternoon, I determined to force the issue. Because I knew that all the documents to be handled had been previously studied and revised by each of the governments concerned, I could see no valid reason for a delay that began to look deliberate.

I therefore asked the liaison officer to inform Marshal Zhukov that, much to my regret, I should be forced to return to Frankfurt unless the meeting began within thirty minutes. However, just as the messenger was ready to depart word came that we were expected at the conference room, to which we all instantly repaired.

The Marshal tendered an explanation for the delay, saying that he had been awaiting final Moscow instructions on an important point. The rest of us accepted the statement in good faith and the Berlin Council got off to a start in an atmosphere of friendly cordiality.

The circular conference table was the largest I have ever seen. East and West, ninety-three quadrate at the table. The commanders were surrounded by a crowd of military and political assistants, photographers, newsmen, and others who seemed merely to be present. My political adviser was Robert Murphy, of North Africa fame. Mr. Vishinsky, who had attracted considerable publicity, was seated as the representative of the Soviet Government.

There were four copies of each of the documents before us and each copy had to be signed by all four Council members; after some little discussion on minor details of wording the laborious business was completed.

It then developed that Marshal Zhukov had arranged an elaborate banquet for his guests, but I was not prepared to spend the night in Berlin. Moreover, I had allowed so many people to accompany me to Berlin that there was no possibility of taking care of them in the cramped quarters allotted us. I therefore told Zhukov that I would have to go back to Frankfurt that evening, sufficiently early to land before dark. He asked me to compromise by coming to the banquet hall for a toast and to hear the Red Army choir sing two songs. He promised me a speedy trip through the city to the airfield, saying he would go along himself to see that there was no delay.

Because of the marshal's hospitable gesture toward his Allies I regretted my inability to stay. The singing of the Red Army chorus was remarkable, and the decorations presented and I invited him to visit my headquarters at Frankfurt for the ceremony. He accepted and I was pleased when Montgomery tactfully suggested that since he had served throughout the European campaign under my command he would also like to receive his decoration in my headquarters.

I invited Zhukov to bring to the ceremony at Frankfurt a number of staff assistants and to stay as long as he pleased, with the assurance of a warm welcome. He replied that he would come on June 10 and would be accompanied by no more than ten staff officers, but could stay for the day only. Consequently I planned a state luncheon for him and his party. Just a few hours before his arrival I received a telegram saying that in addition to the ten staff officers he was bringing five officer bodyguards.

An officer bodyguard was a functionary of whom I had never heard and I was somewhat puzzled as to what to do with five at a luncheon. I directed the mess officer to keep his arrangements flexible and said I would let him know what to do after the marshal arrived.

We met Zhukov at the airport with a guard of honour and the United States Army Band, and we then, with an interpreter, got into my car for the trip back to headquarters. I promptly brought up the question of the proper place for officer bodyguards at a luncheon. I told him that he could have them seated immediately around him, or at the far end of the table. When all this was interpreted to him he blurted out: "Please tell the general he can put them wherever he pleases. I brought them along because I was told to do so." That settled the question of the officer bodyguards very satisfactorily.

The luncheon at Frankfurt was a great success. It was a beautiful summer day and we first took a drive to a large gallery, open to the sky, where wines and pre-luncheon refreshments were served. For this interval we had arranged a parade of a large segment of our Air Force, on the assumption that Marshal Zhukov would consider it a compliment. From nearby fields we brought over hundreds of fighter planes, followed by bombers ranging in size from the lightest types on up to the heaviest equipment we possessed. In the bright sunlight it was a tremendous show and Zhukov seemed much impressed.

Conforming to the Russian custom, as far as we knew it, the luncheon period included a series of toasts. The marshal was an accomplished speaker, or at least he seemed to be, and the sentiments he expressed through the interpreter were complimentary to the Allies and hopeful of success in our co-operative purposes. Everybody had his turn at offering a toast—British, Americans, Russians, and French. We must have risen to our feet at least a dozen times but I noticed that most of the Americans soon followed my example and filled their glasses with water, coloured only sufficiently with red wine to give the drink an appropriate appearance.

The decorations presented to Montgomery and me were among the few I have seen that have great intrinsic value. Designed in the form of a star, which contained some fifty or sixty diamonds surrounding a group of synthetic

rubies, in the centre of which is small enameled representation of the Kremlin.

On the part of Zhukov and his assistants there was discernible only an intense desire to be friendly and co-operative. Looking back on it, that day still seems to have held nothing but bright promise for the establishment of cordial and "co-operative" relations with the Russians. That promise, eventually lost in suspicion and recrimination, was never to be fulfilled. But so far as the friendly association between Marshal Zhukov and myself was concerned, it continued to grow until the moment I left Europe in November 1945. That friendship was a personal and individual thing and unfortunately was not representative of a general attitude.

From the record of Russian contacts with the Western Allies during the war, Generals Smith, Clay, and I believed in the early summer of 1945 that success in joint government of Germany would be measured almost exclusively by the degree to which the Western Allies, both generally and locally, overcame Russian suspicion and distrust. There was a vast gulf to be bridged between governmental systems, and manifestly it could never be crossed unless, on highest political levels, mutual confidence and trust were achieved. But, assuming that the heads of states would be reasonably successful, a great responsibility still devolved upon us in Berlin. We were in daily and hourly contact with problems on which unanimous agreements had to be reached—and we felt that a record of local achievement would have a happy and definite effect upon the whole question of whether Communism and democracy would find a way to get along together in the same world. Consequently, in personal as well as in official relationships, we spared no pains or trouble to demonstrate good faith, respect, and friendly intent.

At the time, however, the difficult problem of displaced persons pressed more immediately on my attention than my personal relations with the Russians. A displaced person was defined as a civilian outside the national boundaries of his or her country by reason of war, who was desirous but unable to return home or find a home without assistance, or who was to be returned to enemy or ex-enemy territory.

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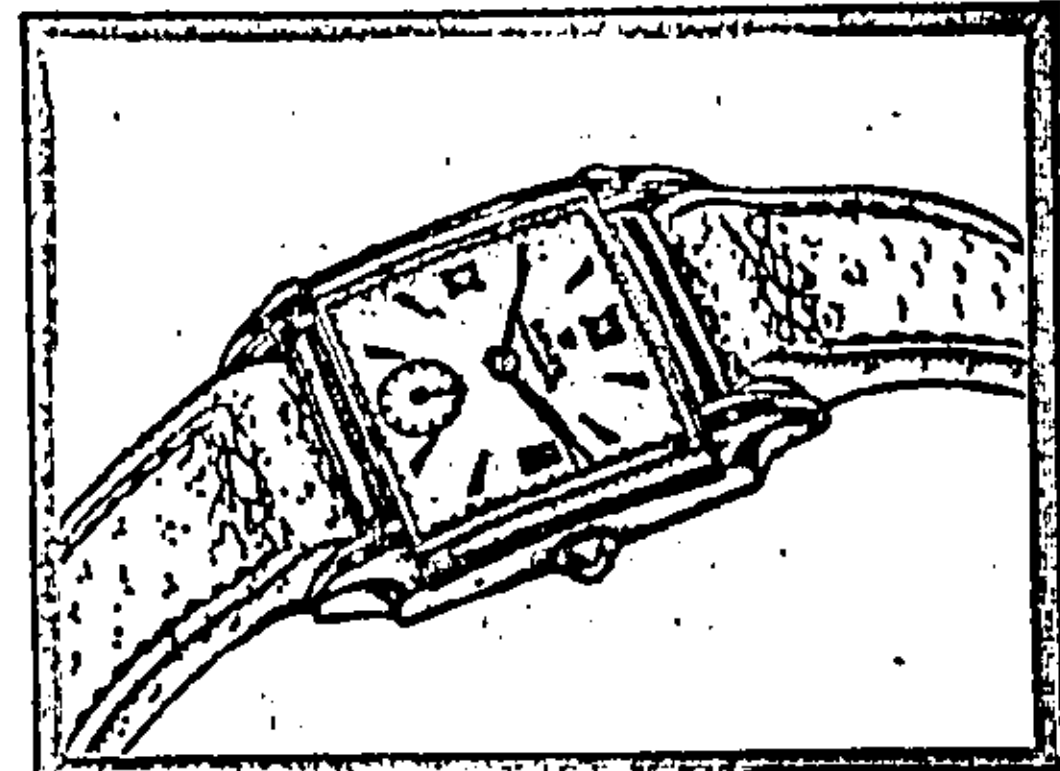
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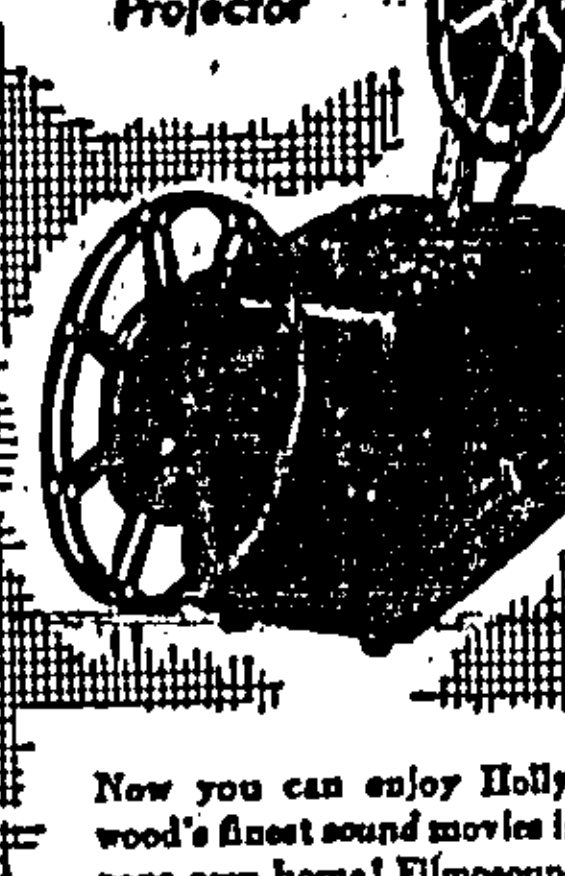
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TEEN AGE TOPICS

Betty's Message To Hong Kong Teen Ager

For a girl who has written "Your Manners Are Showing" to arrive a week late in Hong Kong... should my face be red! In fact, it's practically shocking pink.

Betty's Hello



Forgive me, teen agers of Hong Kong. When I heard about the lovely reception you had at the airport for the "missing teen columnist" I almost fell out of my bobby socks. It was just one of those plane schedule misunderstandings along with a bad case of flu. So please forgive me, won't you?

What do I think of teen agers in Hong Kong? Well, I'm still pinching myself to realise that I'm in China. Perhaps I've seen too many Fu Manchu movies, for I really expected to see Charlie Chans and Dragon ladies all over the place instead of a modern, Westernised city.

A lot of kids dropped in at my place and right away I noticed the little picnic baskets in which you all carry your books. But other than that, these teen agers looked just like those back in the U.S.A.

I was delighted to hear that you're planning a teen canteen; that's an excellent idea. I was also surprised to learn that you had a teen column, and were so conscious of yourselves as a group, just as we are at home.

I'm very happy to learn that many of you are already planning a career and that you know your movies, books, and what's going on in the world. You may not realise it, but you are living in a very interesting place in a very interesting time.

It might be a little confusing but perhaps in the future you will profit by this experience. I only wish I could stay here longer so that I could get to know you better. But I shall have to be on my way to Manila this afternoon. And I wish to thank you all in Hong Kong for having been so nice to me. Good-bye, everybody!



Betty Botz

Personality



VERA RUMANZEFF

The teen ager of the week is 18-year-old Vera Rumanzeff. Vera was born in Harbin, Manchuria. At an early age she travelled with her parents to many parts of China, arriving in the Colony when she was about six.

Vera started her schooling in Hong Kong at the Kowloon Junior School.

She went to Australia in 1941, continuing her education at the Mosman Primary School and later at North Sydney Girls' School.

After the war, Vera returned to Hong Kong and entered King George V School where she sat successfully for her Cambridge and matriculation.

Her favourite hobby is collecting record albums. Harry James is to her the top band leader, and Frank Sinatra and Dick Haymes, her vocalists. Vera pretends Frankie as a favourite, especially when he sings "I Fall In Love Too Easily."

Vera goes to the cinema about three times a week. She especially likes musical comedies in technicolor and has seen "Anchors Aweigh" 10 times.

Of sports, Vera said that she used to play hockey and tennis while in school, but now has but an academic interest in them. She swims often, though, during the summer.

PLATTER CHATTER

It is fortunate that the very first record of Capitol's History of Jazz is not indicative of what can be expected of the rest of this plentiful series.

Volume 1, The "Solid" South, contains some fine Dixieland and is a value for your money in spite of the first platter, which is just so much waste of wax. One generally expects good jazz from a featured septa artist, but leadbelly sounds as if he is aply named.

Zutty Singleton's Trio contributes Lulu's Mood and Barney's Bounce and you hear what the titles say. Bigard's clarinet saves these sides from mediocrity.

Crawfish Blues by Singleton's Creole Band is one of the finest blues heard for a long while. Eddie Miller is surprisingly good on the clarinet in Cajun Love Song with his Crescent City Quartette. Nappy LaMar's guitar also shines.

Wingy Manone's Dixieland Band give out on The Tallgate Rumble and I Wish I Could Shimmy Like My Sister Kate. Proof positive that Manone deserves his high rating as a jazz trumpeter.

Stan Wrightsman's reputation is well established with jazz experts but not enough is known of his ability as a pianist outside of this group. His notes are clean and crisp.

LaMar's Louisiana Levee Loungers appear in two teatopping numbers: At the Jazz Band Ball and High Society. Listen to Wrightsman on the first side and the nicely restrained drumming of Ray Bauduc in both tunes.

A welcome release is that jazz masterpiece by Louis Armstrong which should be in every collector's library: I Can't Give You Anything But Love.

Dinah Shore fans should book their copies of Buttons and Bows as the supply will assuredly be limited. This is currently the top tune in England and the U.S.

The Wren.

Cokes, Cookies And Almost Chaos In Teen Age Party

The party for teen agers given by Betty Botz at the Tiger Mansions almost ended in chaos. Thousands of people, many of whom were merely curious, rushed the vicinity where the teen age fairy queen was preparing to entertain her "subjects."

The unruliness of the crowd was so intense that Betty had to dodge frequently from room to room, and eventually left the premises completely to escape being seriously hurt—she was pushed to the ground no less than five times—and to prevent the premises from being actually swamped.

As it was there was a number of minor accidents—no one, however, of considerable amount of damage done to the house. Betty soon left the place in face of this situation as she could not steady the mob.

Hundreds of teen agers were temporarily disappointed as they saw Betty whisked away in a car. But she shouted to them that she would be back later. Some heard and stayed. Others, thinking that it was all up, left in understandable disappointment.

An hour later Betty returned to find some teen agers, mostly late comers from school in Kowloon, patiently waiting. They had a happy time together for about an hour with cokes, cookies and carterature.

Betty told the Topics that she did not have chance to give the party as she had planned.

Betty arrived at the party with a full programme of entertainment. She had a box full of hats which she intended to have teen agers model in a fashion show. She had games and quiz and other competitions. But all was lost when the mob literally overran her, tearing open the boxes, scattering and destroying their contents.

Many teen agers, about 50 of them, came back to town and called at Betty's hotel. But most of them thinking that Betty would not return, went home. Fifteen wise and determined teen agers however waited at the lobby until Betty finally arrived.

They were treated to cokes and games in her room. Betty later caricatured for each of them and signed in their autograph books. The lucky girls were: Rose Wong, Elsie Wong, Frances Gardner, Hilda Olsson, Marion

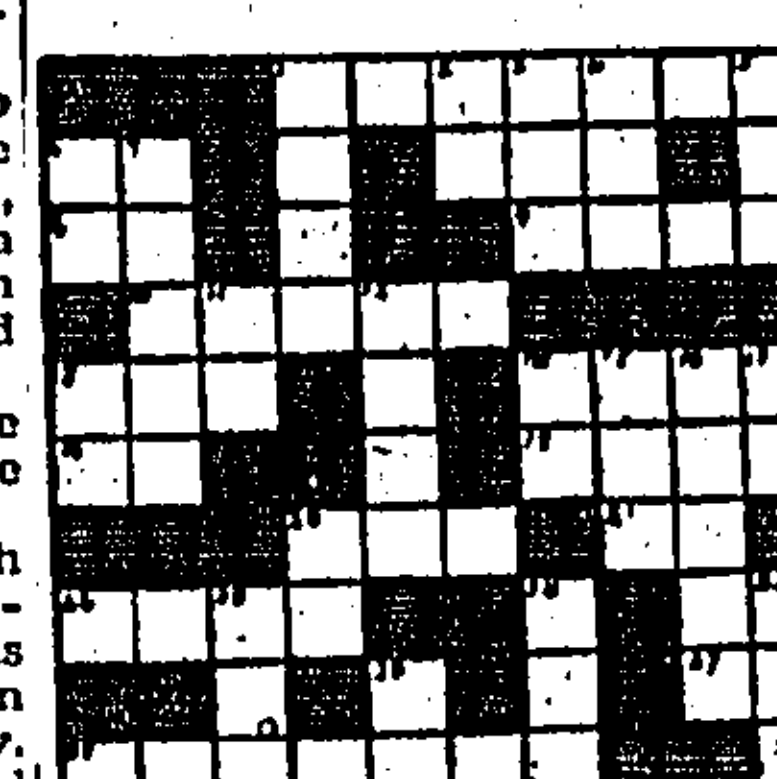
Chin, Lily Chin, Millie Baptista, Joyce O'Brien, Fatima Eca, Diana Wright, Penny Ching.

The girls spent almost two hours looking over photographs and books and asking Betty questions ranging from tips in make-up to why boys are rude.

Competition

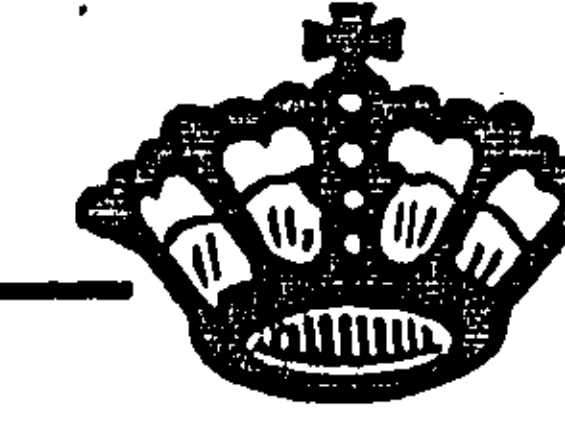
Last week's prize winners were: Daniel Luz (\$8), 21 Austin Road, ground floor; Joan Eager (\$4), 5, East Block, Victoria Barracks.

The prizes will be in the mail today. Below is this week's crossword competition. When sending in your entries be sure to accompany them with your names and addresses.



Across—1. District in Kowloon, 6. Sun god, 8. British, 9. Young horse, 10. To choose by vote, 13. Girl's name, 14. Name of ferry boats, 18. Anti Aircraft, 19. Villain in "Othello", 20. Beer, 21. North American, 22. A very large village, 27. North East, 28. New theatre on Mainland.

Down—1. Wooden frame used on oxen, 2. On high, 3. A chart, 4. Trouble, 5. A kind of plant, 6. Rifle Brigade, 7. Roman Amphitheatre, 11. Sixth note of diatonic scale, 12. Slightly cold, 13. Each, 14. Seventh note of diatonic scale, 15. Yellowish brown, 16. Once more, 17. Rhodium, 23. Texture of thread, 25. Fish, 28. Senior.



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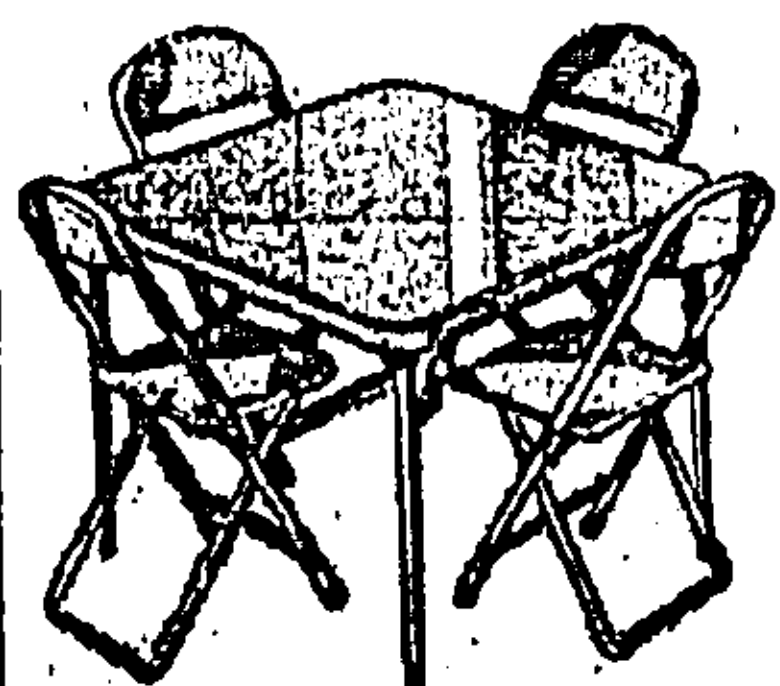
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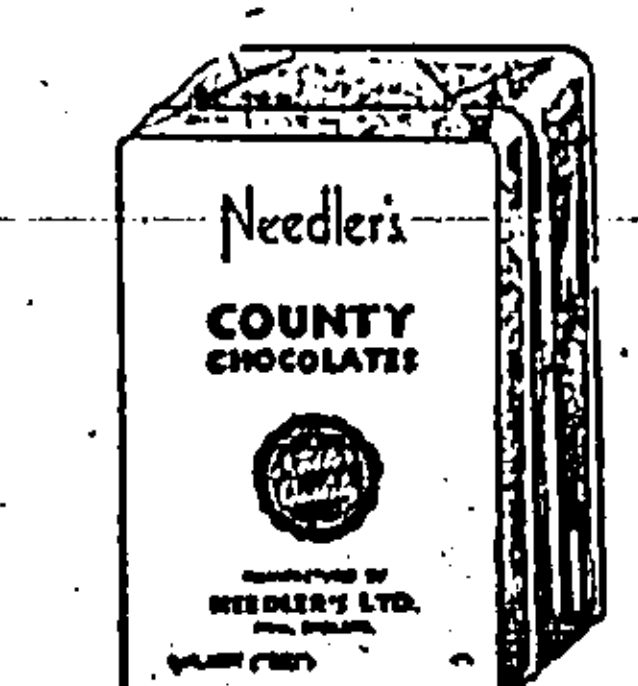
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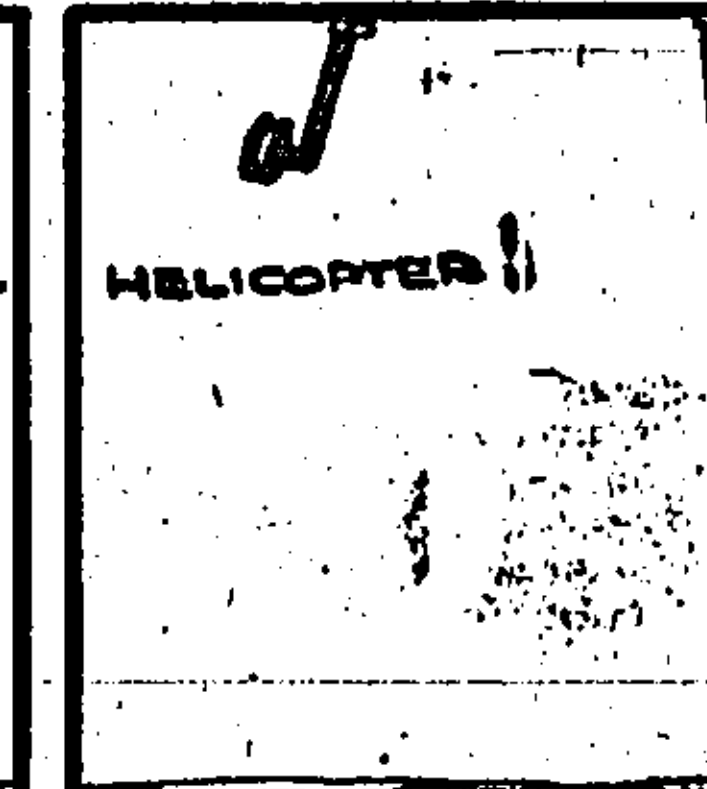
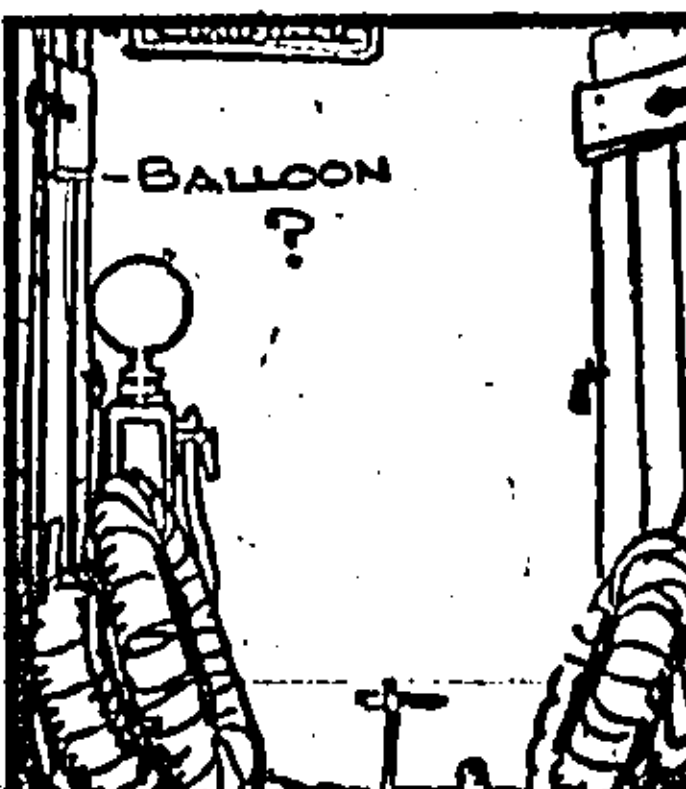
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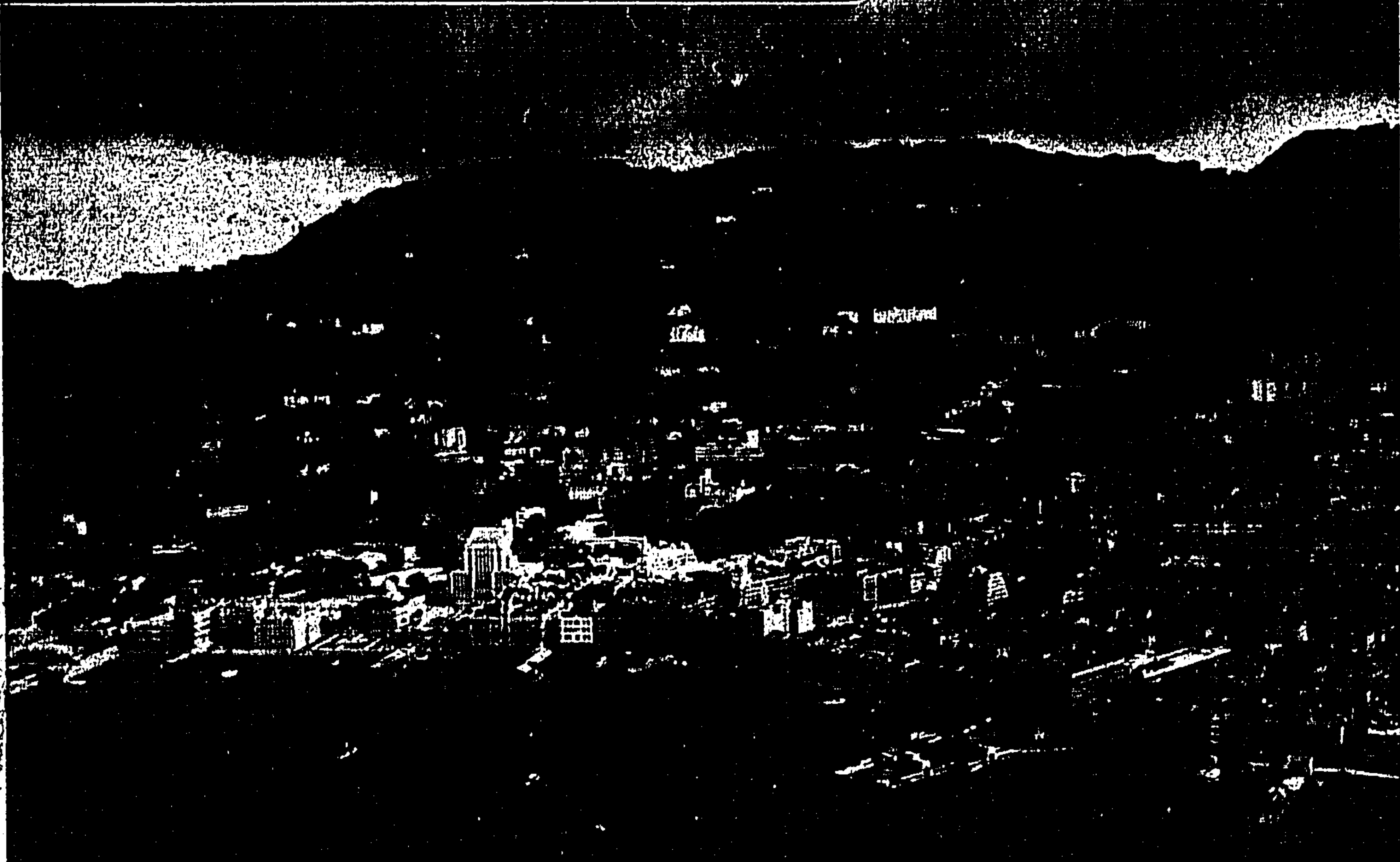
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This striking view of Hong Kong, with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank in the foreground, was taken from the air by Mr. Harry Hansen. By courtesy of BOAC.



Night falls on Hong Kong harbour, and a myriad lights sparkle on the water. Another study by Mr. Hansen of BOAC.



Guests at a cocktail party given by Mr. C. J. Endert, managing director of the Nederlandsch Indische Handelsbank on February 3. ("China Mail" photo)



Miss Betty Betz, well-known teen age writer, arrive in Hong Kong by plane, to be greeted by Mr. W. Thom of the International News Agency and Mr. Y. A. Oldham of Pan American Airways. ("China Mail" photo)



Major General F. R. G. Matthews, GOC Hong Kong, speaks at the dinner given by the Local Football Association in honour of the Saigon football team at the Hong Kong Hotel. ("China Mail" photo)



The chairman, Mr. A. E. Nobbins, addresses members and guests at the Hong Kong Art Club dinner at the China Fleet Club. (Chung's Studio)



Mr. A. Morse, President of the H.K. Football Association, toasts the guests at the dinner in honour of the visiting Saigon football team. ("China Mail" photo)



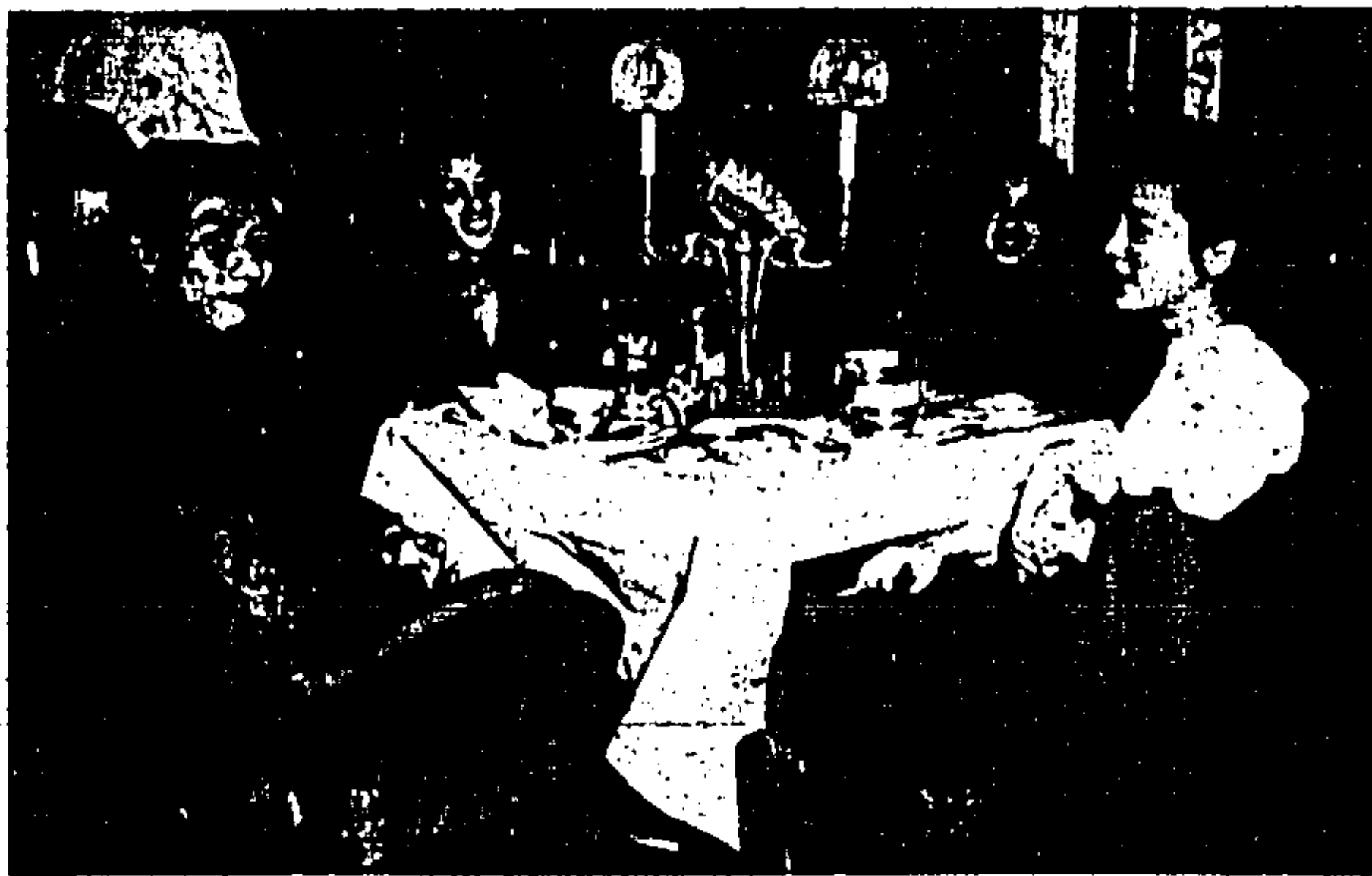
Mr. Cheung Kam-hoi, acting captain of the H.K. team, receives a silver cup from Mr. Pacini, captain of the Saigon team. ("China Mail" photo)





Mr. Wong Chin-wah and Miss Lily Tan sing in English at the Wah Yan students' dance. (Butterfly Studio)

CHINESE NEW YEAR FRESKO. (Photo by J.C.M.G.)



At the Wah Yan Past Students' Association annual dinner dance at the Roof Garden. (Butterfly Studio)

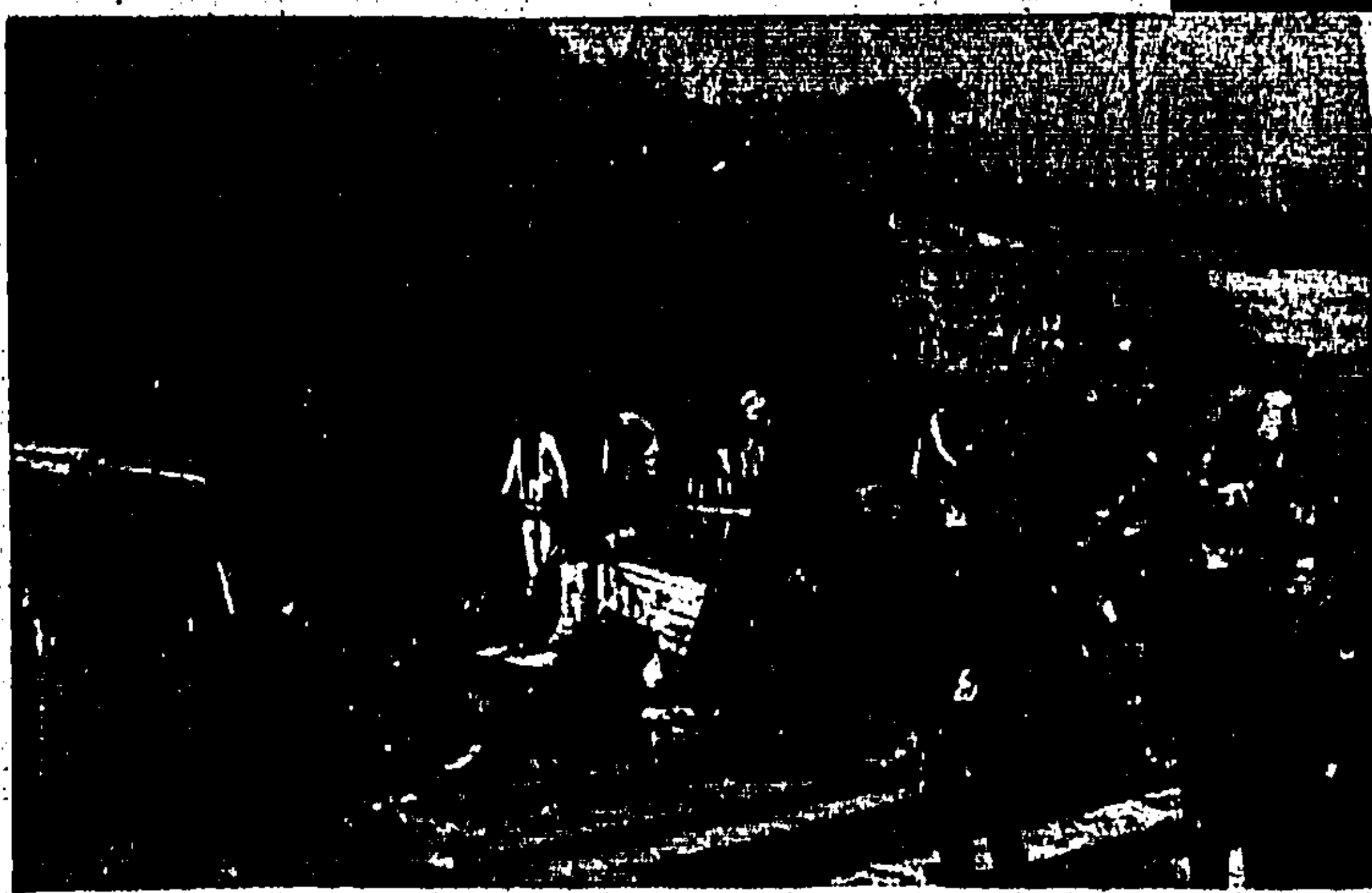
A cheerful party at the Wah Yan Past Students' Association dance on February 1. (Butterfly Studio)



A group of former students of Wah Yan at their annual dance at the Roof Garden. (Butterfly Studio)



During dinner at the Wah Yan dance at the Roof Garden. (Butterfly Studio)



More than 200 squatters were rendered homeless when fire razed their shacks near the old Government Civil Hospital. ("China Mail" photo)

Survivors of the Portuguese trawler Masbate, which sank after colliding with the s.s. Hsiang Hsing off Foochow, arrive in Hong Kong. ("China Mail" photo)





British and Chinese business representatives at a dinner for Mr. E. G. A. Grimwood, London agent of the Hong Kong Government (centre with Mr. U. Tat-chee) at the Kam Ling Restaurant. (Golden Studio)



Some squatter occupants of rooftop huts in Wanchai went on preparing chow while government workmen were demolishing their huts under a clearance order. ("China Mail" photo).

Dr. Graham Cumming, Dr. J. Willis and Inspector Sheriff help squatters to lower their belongings to waiting lorries, ready to take goods to any required destination. ("China Mail" photo)



A general view of rooftop squatter huts in Wanchai being demolished by order of the government. ("China Mail" photo)





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GERMANY WANTED IN EUROPEAN ASSEMBLY

Paris, February 7.

Guerilla Activity In Java

Batavia, February 7. An Indonesian broadcast tonight said that the Dutch troops in Central Java have been pinned down around big cities, while guerillas attacked other units moving South of Jogjakarta, inflicting heavy losses.

The population of Jogjakarta is alarmed by rumours that the Dutch are prepared to destroy the former Republican capital if they are forced to evacuate under the four-power Security Council ruling, it said.

The broadcast claimed that the Dutch have mined 42 vital locations within the city and said that shooting continues there nightly. Rail traffic to Jogjakarta is being disrupted by the guerillas and the city's food supplies are running short.

Only one Dutch transport plane is arriving at Jogjakarta daily and the Dutch forces stationed there are also running low on supplies, it claims.

Heavy guerilla resistance continues throughout Java and Sumatra, it added.—United Press

Mr. Duncan Sandys, President of the European Movement, told a press conference here today that it is "enormously important" that Western Germany be represented from the beginning in the proposed European Consultative Assembly.

Asked about the inclusion of Spain and Eastern Germany, Mr. Sandys said it is desirable to begin with countries in a position to choose their representatives democratically.

Mr. Sandys was speaking at the end of a four-day meeting of the Executive Committee of the Movement, which organized The Hague conference on European Unity last May.

The Executive sent a letter to the five Brussels powers Foreign Ministers congratulating them on their decision to set up a European Council of Ministers and a Consultative Assembly.

The Executive suggested: (1) the countries represented at the start should be the five Brussels Pact powers, Western Germany, the Scandinavian countries, Elze, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Portugal, Switzerland and Turkey.

To get over the difficulty of there being no West German Government or Parliament, the Executive said it will not be difficult to devise suitable procedure

for the selection of German representatives.

2.—It should be considered "essential" that members derive their authority from their national Parliaments.

3.—Membership should not be unduly restricted. A total membership of about 300 is suggested. We consider that the Assembly must hold two or three sessions each year in order to make any real impact upon European public opinion.

Human Rights

With the creation of the Assembly, the European Movement has decided to concentrate on securing the establishment of a European Court of Human Rights, it was announced.

A draft text of the proposed convention binding European governments to respect human rights and setting up a court to judge cases of alleged infringement was considered by the Executive Committee over the week-end.

British and French legal experts collaborated in drafting the proposed convention. The draft is expected to be published soon. An application for affiliation from the Socialist movement for the United States of Europe was approved by the Executive Committee.

The Cultural Section of the Movement meeting at the same time as the Executive Committee decided to establish an office in Geneva to organize intellectual contacts between European countries.—Reuter.

Hungary Rejects British Protest

Budapest, February 7.

The Hungarian Government today rejected the British note of February 4 protesting against the exclusion of a British observer at Cardinal Mindszenty's trial, as "an arbitrary and unfounded interpretation of the peace treaty."

The Hungarian reply, delivered to Mr. A.K. Helm, British Minister in Budapest, stated: "I wish to call Your Excellency's attention to the fact that the trial in the criminal case against Mindszenty was given the widest publicity and that British subjects and representatives of British agencies and newspapers attended the trial, namely, Michael Burn, of The Times, the Rev. Stanley Evans, of the Daily Worker, Wilfred Burchett, of the Daily Express, and Reuters as represented by Peter Furst, an American citizen."

"These correspondents are all able to send their reports freely from Hungary without any restriction whatsoever."

"The Hungarian Government is obliged to assert the fact that the British Government did not maintain even the semblance of impartiality; official British representatives had made statements on the Mindszenty case before the trial in ignorance of the facts in this criminal case."

"The above-mentioned representatives made gravely prejudiced and malignant references aimed against the Hungarian Republic and its Government."

"The Hungarian Government must regard this attitude of the British Government as a highly

TAXI DANCERS GET REBATE

Singapore, February 8.

The dance hostesses of Singapore have it officially from the Income Tax Comptroller that money spent to make them pretty cannot be taxed.

Members of the Singapore Cabaret Girls' Association received the following income tax deductions up to S\$125: dresses S\$50, shoes \$20, hair setting \$25, cosmetics \$40. They lost out on S\$540 for transportation.—Associated Press.

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Cat Lovers Got Brush-Off

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The Society said the Ministry of Agriculture had declared that the serum will have to be presented through the "usual channels." The letter said: "It appeared that American aggressiveness clashed violently with British protocol."—United Press.

BATTLE FOR AID FUNDS

Washington, February 7.

A new round in the foreign aid battle opened in Congress today with the introduction of a bill calling for a 15-month, \$555,500,000 extension of the Marshall Plan.

The chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Representative Sol Bloom, produced the bill amid Republican demands for a full investigation before the vast European recovery project is renewed.

Mr. Paul G. Hoffman's Marshall Plan administration spent \$3,055,000,000 on the first 12 months of the programme and its current spending authority expires on April 2.

The Senate and House Foreign Affairs Committees will begin joint hearings on renewal tomorrow, with Mr. Hoffman and the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, as the first witnesses.

The bill was prepared by the Economic Co-operation Administration. It carries no funds for China, Greece, Turkey or the International Children's Fund. Last year these four received a total of \$600,000,000. There is no indication whether there will be a separate bill concerning funds for those projects.—United Press.

Churchill's Role In New Council

London, February 7.

British officials planning the Council of Europe are wondering what to do with Mr. Winston Churchill.

The formidable figure of the wartime Prime Minister looms every time the officials start talking about who will represent Britain at the proposed Council.

Mr. Churchill has been one of the most vigorous campaigners for European unity. Yet he may have no role in the Council of Europe.

The council may have two parts. One will be the Council of Ministers, in which Britain will have only one representative—a Government spokesman such as the Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin.

The other will be the Consultative Assembly in which Britain have a number of representatives. Mr. Churchill's supporters want him to be one of the delegates. High British sources, however, fear that Mr. Churchill, even as a minor delegate in the "Lower House" of the Council, would dominate the whole organisation.

Possible Solution

Europeans might come to think of Mr. Churchill, whom they know better than Mr. Bevin, as Britain's spokesman.

Officials in the British Government are already discussing the possible appointment of one of Mr. Churchill's closest supporters to sit in the Assembly. This, they hope, will give Mr. Churchill's Conservative Party representation and strengthen the feeling of bipartisan co-operation in foreign affairs, but still keep Mr. Churchill himself from stealing the show.

New Trade Agreement

Frankfurt, February 8.

A new trade agreement between Greece and the three Western zones of Germany, involving more than £4,500,000 was announced today by the Joint Export-Import Agency.

Germany will export £2,547,500 worth of chemicals, leather goods, textiles, tools, electrical equipment, iron and steel products, machinery, optical and scientific equipment to Greece.

Greece will send to Germany £2,000,000 worth of iron ore, magnesite, tobacco, turpentine, oil, dried fruit and other items. In 1948, exports from the Anglo-American area of Germany to Greece amounted to £1,250,000. Imports from Greece to Germany £675,000.

The present agreement will be in effect until June 30, 1949 and carries a provision for automatic renewal.—Associated Press.

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sails 5th Mar.		
"TREVEAN"	due 9th Mar.	from Shanghai & Japan.
sails 12th Mar.		
"SOMALI"	due 15th Mar.	Hong Kong cargo will be transhipped at Singapore to m.s. "TREVEAN".
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"SANGOLA"	due 12th Mar.	from Calcutta, Chittagong & Madras.
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"SANGOLA"	due 15th Mar.	from Calcutta via Straits
sails 18th Mar.		
"SANGOLA"	due 18th Mar.	from Japan.
sails 21st Mar.		
"SANGOLA"	due 21st Mar.	from Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi and Persian Gulf.
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S.S. "STEEL WORKER"	Loading 2nd Mar.
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ARRIVALS FROM EUROPE

M.V. BALI	Discharging	15th Feb.
M.V. BENGAL	Discharging	27th Feb.
M.V. HALLAND	Discharging	25th Mar.

SAILINGS TO EUROPE

M.V. TONGHAI	Loading	10th Feb.
M.V. BALI	Loading	25th Mar.

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"TABMAN" from Macassar & Javaports 18th Feb.	to Manila 8th March.
"TJITJALENGKA" In port	to Javaports & Macassar 2nd March.

ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

Arrivals	Departures
"RUZ" In port	to South Africa & South America 23rd February.
"STRAAT SOENDA" from South Africa, 12th February.	to South Africa & South America, 21st March.
"BOISSEvain" from South America, 21st March.	to South Africa & South America, 18th April.
"STRAAT MALAKKA" from South Africa & South America, 12th May.	to South Africa & South America, 12th May.

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Arrivals	Departures
"VAN HEUTSZ" from Amoy & Swatow, 28th Feb.	to Straits & B. Dell, 27th Feb.
"VAN RIEMSDIJK" from B. Dell & S'pore 8th Mar.	to Straits & B. Dell, 17th Mar.

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Arrivals	Departures
"RIJNKERK" from Europe 17th Feb.	to S'hai, Japan via Keelung 19th Feb.
"MELISKERK" from Europe Early March.	to Europe via Manila & Straits, Early March.
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s.s. "DONA AURORA" 11th Apr.

SAILING FOR U.S. ATLANTIC COAST VIA LOS ANGELES
m.v. "BATAAN" 22nd Feb.
m.v. "BENGAL" 3rd Mar.
s.s. "DONA AURORA" 15th Apr.

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Ship	Destination	Date
S.S. HAI YUN	Shanghai	Feb. 9
S.S. DUN YU	Shanghai	Feb. 10
S.S. HAI TIEN	Singapore & Penang	Feb. 12
S.S. HAI TAI	Hankow & Hallow	Feb. 12
S.S. HAI HSIA	Singapore	Feb. 13

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

South African Move In Gold Free Market

London, February 7.

A minor sensation was caused in the City of London today by the South African Finance Minister's announcement that South Africa has made a small beginning at taking advantage of the premium of gold in the world free market. London stock brokers agree with views reported from the Johannesburg stock exchange that while the benefits will be small a precedent has been created which, over a period, may have very important effects.

Particular attention is given to reports that the sale of 12,500 fine ounces over a period of eight weeks is regarded as an experiment and that negotiations will be reopened for any further sales.

According to the South African Finance Minister, the 12,500 ounces, alloyed to 22 carats, has been sold to a London Bullion house at \$38.20 per ounce. Previously all South African gold sales (except a special transaction with India during the war) have been at the United States' official price of \$35.

The buyers in the deal announced today are presumed to be in the Middle East and Far East.

Participation by a London Bullion house would itself imply that the deal does not contravene the International Monetary Fund's ban on gold dealings of a premium, since the Bank of England enforces this ban stringently on both the home and overseas dealings of the London houses—far more stringently than do the authorities in some other countries.

Shoot Gold

Twenty two carat gold in the form of sheets, for example, would rank as manufactured gold to which the IMF ban on gold bullion dealings does not apply.

Opinions differ on how much of South Africa's gold output the free markets can absorb in dollars at a premium. It may be far from negligible, as witness, the insatiable and similar demand for diamonds.

If South Africa chose, barter transactions with soft currency countries may also enable her to get for her gold something nearer to its real value, which is commonly regarded as higher than the official price.

New Transaction?

It is strongly felt, however, that South Africa will not press such transactions to any point which endangers the status of gold as a measure of value, a status which it is in South Africa's highest interest to uphold.

It is believed in London tonight that another type of transaction to benefit South African gold is under discussion, besides the one announced by the South African Finance Minister today.

MURDERER'S APPEAL GRANTED

London, February 7.

John Francis Long, aged 19, under sentence of death for the murder of Ellen Reeves, aged 83, of Wantage, Berks, appealed today before the Court of Appeals.

The appeal was allowed, the death sentence being quashed and Long ordered to be detained as a criminal lunatic.—Reuter.

Central Bank Denies Rumour

Shanghai, February 7.

A responsible official of the Central Bank of China today denied that instructions have been received from Nanking to lift the ban on gold bullion and foreign exchange restrictions, as widely rumoured during the week-end.

He said that a formal Executive Yuan decision will have to be reached before such a step is possible.—Reuter.

H.K. Stock Exchange

Sellers have appeared in some force of which buyers are taking advantage. There was a moderate turnover with a sliding downwards of rates.

H.K. GOVT. LOANS:
4 1/2% Loan (1934 & 1940) 100n.
5 1/2% Loan (1918) 101b.
HANKS:
H.K. & S. Bank 181b, 182c.
H.K. Bank (Old) 212 1/2n.
Chartered Bank 211-15/16n.
Meynards Bank A. & B. 224n.
Bank of East Asia X.D. 142n.
SHIPPING:
Douglas 27 1/2n.
Union Ins. 74 1/2n.
China Underwriters 52 1/2n.
H.K. Fire Ins. 70n.
SHIPING:
Douglas 27 1/2n.
H.K. & M. Steamships 17 1/2n.
Indo China (Pref.) 95n.
Shell (Beater) 74 1/2n.
Asia-Nav. Ins. 74 1/2n.
HONGKONG WHARVES, GODOWNS, Etc.
H.K. R. Wharves (Old) 140n.
(New) 135n.
North Point Wharves 7n.
Sh. Hongkong Wharves 26n.
H.K. Electric 101, 102 1/2n.
China Prospects 102n.
S'hai Docklands 10 1/2n, 11 1/2n, 10 1/2n.
MINING:
Hau Mines 6 1/2n.
H.K. Mines 6 1/2n.
LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS:
H.K. Hotels 41-42n, 16-18n, 15-17n, 40n.
H.K. Lands 68 1/2n.
Shanghai Lands 23b, 24n, 23 1/2n, 23n.
Humphreys (Old) 16b.
H.K. (New) 18 1/2n, 14n.
H.K. Realities 2b, 2a.
China Estate 17n.
PUBLIC UTILITIES:
H.K. Tramways 31-32n, 21n.
Peak Trans. (Old) 21 1/2n.
Star Ferry 17 1/2n.
C. Lighters:
(Old) 15-16n, 15-16n, 15-16n, 15-16n.
(New) 11-12n, 11-12n, 11-12n, 11-12n.
H.K. Electric 101, 102 1/2n, 102 1/2n.
Macao Electric 28 1/2n.
Sandsun Light 10 1/2n.
Telephone 25 1/2n, 35n.
Barrington 6 1/2n.
INDUSTRIALS:
Cald. Macc. (Ord.) 28n.
Canton Ice 7n.
Cement 40 1/2n, 41n, 40 1/2n.
H.K. Bops 20 1/2n, 21 1/2n, 21 1/2n.
STORAGE:
Dairy Farms (Old) 44 1/2n.
(New) 45 1/2n.
Watsons (New) 65 1/2n, 62n.
L. Crawford (Old) 25n.
(New) 24n.
Sincere 6 1/2n.
China Export 11b.
San Co. Ltd. (n.
Kwong Sang Hong 14b.
Wing On (H.K.) 105n.
Wing Fong 24d, 21n.
MISCELLANEOUS:
China Entertainment 33b.
H.K. Constructions (Old) 48n.
(New) 47n.

Money Market

Gold dropped to HK\$309.25 a tael yesterday as it continued on the decline started on Monday. It had opened at \$312.75. At the close it was \$310.50.

US dollars also dropped and closed yesterday at HK\$5.11 1/4. Gold Yuan was quoted at 52, 505 and 515 of a cent for Hong Kong delivery, at 48 and 46 of a cent for Canton, remittances; and at 39 and 38 of a cent for Shanghai remittances.

Plaster opened at HK\$8.07 1/2, a 100 and closed at 10 cents higher. Tins opened at HK\$24.50 and closed at \$24.60 a 100.

NEI Guilders opened at HK\$30.10 and 100 and closed at 10 cents lower.

Starling was unchanged at HK\$15.20, and 50 were Australian pounds at HK\$12.33.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godown where they will be examined in the presence of Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on the 11th February, 1940 at 10 a.m.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when examining damaged dutiable goods. All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Underwriter, within fourteen days of the ship's arrival, or they will not be recognised.

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Consignees per Steamer

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(S.M.C. V. No. 1)

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Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke at 10 a.m. on 11th February, 1940.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when examining damaged goods are examined.

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Hong Kong, Feb. 7, 1940.

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from Calcutta/Straits

arrived 7/2/40.

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Consignees are warned that claims for damage or shortage may not be accepted if the damage is not surveyed by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of Consignees' Representatives at this appointed time.

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"President Pierce"	Feb. 19
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"President Taft"	Mar. 17

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"Montana Victory" (calls Pacific Coast)	Feb. 19
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"Mount Mansfield" (Singapore Direct)	Mar. 13
"President Bluff"	Mar. 23

ARRIVING FROM SAN FRANCISCO

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ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DUE
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"SALMONIER"	U.K.	9th Feb.
"BENDROCH"	U.K.	12th Feb.
"BENDORAN"	U.K.	2nd Half Feb.
"BENLAVERS"	U.K.	End February.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	LOADING
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"SALMONIER"	Japan via Shanghai	Abt. 9th Feb.
"BENDROCH"	Aden, Genoa, Havre, London, Antwerp & Hamburg	14th Feb.
"BENDORAN"	Liverpool	Abt. End Feb.
"BENLAVERS"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hull	1st Half March.

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ARRIVALS FROM

Ship	From	Arrival
S.S. "MORTAIN"	Europe	End of March
S.S. "CHAMPOLLION"	Marseilles	Mid April

SAILING TO

Ship	To	Departure
S.S. "ST. MICHEL"	Salon via Haiphong	10 p.m. 10th Feb.
S.S. "CHAMPOLLION"	Shanghai	Mid April
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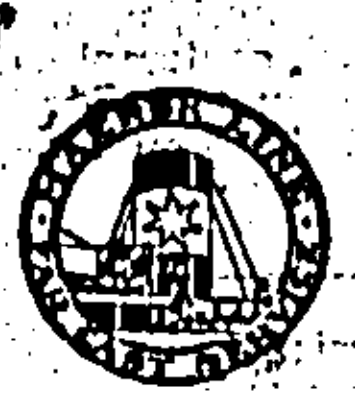
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Shipping Arrivals

TODAY

BRADYVERETT (Everett) ex-Manila.

SALMONIER (Lorley) ex-UK.

SHENKONG (D. & S.) ex-Shanghai.

TOMORROW

HEINRICH JESSEN (D. & S.) ex-Singapore.

KWEIYANG (D. & S.) ex-Singapore.

MAUSANG (Jardine) ex-Singapore.

TONGHAI (Rama) ex-Atlantic Coast.

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

CHINA TRANSPORT (Jardine) for Fuzhou.

HAI YUN (CMRN) for Shanghai.

HAIYANG (Douglas) for Swatow.

HAIYUN (CMRN) for Shanghai.

MANDEVILLE (Thornson) for Atlantic Coast.

SALMONIER (Lorley) for Japan.

SHENKONG (D. & S.) for Pacific Coast.

THREVEAN (Mac Mac) for Straits and London.

TOMORROW

DUN YUN (CMRN) for Shanghai.

HAIYANG (Douglas) for Swatow.

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ANAKAW (Gribble) H. Day

BURBROCK (Mac Mac) E. D.

CLYDE (Vick Yuen) Y.M.T.

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AMERICA

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FLYING CLIPPER (Patison) ex-

New York via Japan, Shanghai.

IDAHO (Doddwell) ex-Vancouver

OCEAN MAIL (Everett) ex-Vancouver

VERA, Seattle

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TYLER (APL) ex-Baltimore

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ALAX (D. & S.) ex-New York

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ST. MICHAEL (MM) ex-Baltimore

STEEL NAVIGATOR (Gillman) ex-

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Shanghai, Japan

TITANIA (Doddwell) ex-

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COLORADO (Doddwell) ex-Vancouver

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San Francisco

HOPEVILLE (Thornson) ex-

San Francisco

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BANGOLA (D. & S.) Feb.

SHIRALA (D. & S.) Feb.

SIRIDIANA (D. & S.) Feb.

SOUTH-EAST PORTS

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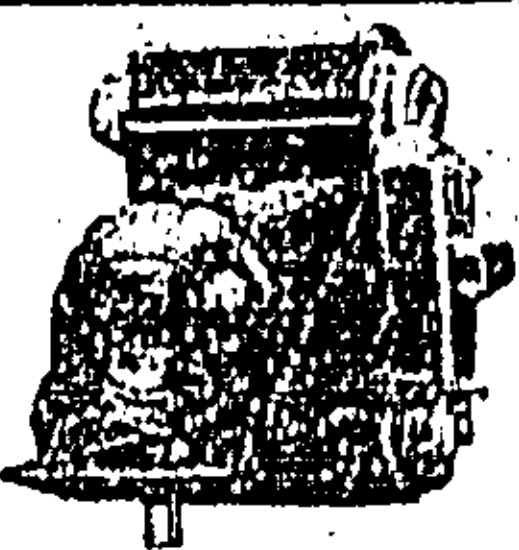
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Bowlers Get Upper Hand In Cricket League Games

(By "Mid On")

With one or two exceptions, bowlers generally got the upper hand in last week-end's League cricket matches.

Honours went to young John Arculli, Indian Recreation Club opening bowler, who, by taking six wickets for 16 runs, was mainly responsible for the Army debacle, at Sookunpoo, where the Indians won by the unexpectedly easy margin of nine wickets.

The Army elected to bat when they won the toss, and when Arculli opened from the Hospital end, he was assisted by a strong wind blowing across the field.

As a result, he was doing almost everything with the ball except make it talk and, backed by a field which gave nothing away, he and the old-timer, "Fatty" Miu, literally walked through the strong Army XI. I had seen Arculli bowling earlier in the season and the impression I got then was that here was another young fast bowler who was going the right way, but attention to get that extra pace without any consideration for length and direction.

On Saturday, however, he impressed me very favourably by the way he controlled his deliveries. I was also surprised to find that he could change the flight without "telegraphing" the fact to the batsman.

Changes In Soccer Fixtures

The following changes have been made in the week-end soccer programme:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

First Division

KMB v South China "A", Boundary Street, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Second Division

KMB v St. Joseph's, from Chatham Road to Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.

The match between Police and Club, First Division League, will now be played on Sunday, February 13, at Boundary Street, 4 p.m.

The postponed Senior Shield match (Second Round), between South China "A" and South China "B", has now been arranged to be played off on Wednesday, February 16, at Caroline Hill ground, kick off at 4 p.m.

Referee: A.E.P. Guest; Linesmen: Lt. Lovey and Pte. Collins.



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West Indies, India Draw In Test Game

Bombay, February 8.

Set to make 271 runs today for a victory in the fifth and final Test against the West Indies here, India had scored 355 for eight at the close of play and the match was drawn.

India put on 85 before lunch, the last for the first innings, brought the overnight second innings score of 99 for three to 175 without further loss by lunch; at the interval, Modi was 66 and Hazare 54.

In their first innings, the West Indies made 280 and India 193.

West Indies added 267 in their second knock.

In tense atmosphere, with the crowd cheering at every stroke India began their battle for victory in this match, a victory which would enable them to draw the Test series.

West Indies had won one of the previous four Tests, the other three ending in draws.

Modi and Hazare, unaccustomed to going for quick runs before being well set, took two hours to make 85 before three, with the score at 10 for three, two hundred were needed in 200 minutes for the win.

But the West Indies were making the task ever more difficult by a defensive attack and clever placing of their field—Reuter.

Shanghai To Send Rugby Interport XV

Shanghai will be sending a rugby team here for the annual Interport Rugby match which will be played on February 13.

The exact composition of the Shanghai XV is not yet known, but the team will include the following:

Rice, I. Gauntlett, F. Gamlin, K. Evans-Thomas, B. Pearson, P. Leckie, A. Newcomb, H. Felgate, R. Green, D. Wheeler, A. Berry, K. Hall, R. Brabant-Smith, D. Cusden, A. Ashworth, T. Kotwin, F. Ormerod.

J. Goldenberg, Maj. Lockey, D. Day, Capt. H. Proudman, I. Howard-Williams, E. Kibby, A. Hudspeith, J. Huang, R. Salter, M. Langley, T. Luscombe, P. Schlee, L. Barnes, C. Wedderburn, N. Ansell, P. Towhill, J. Scott, C. Grant.

The Shanghai players are seeking the forthcoming game seriously and initiated open "Keep Fit" from Sunday last.

Shanghai reports indicate that the Northern port is most concerned about the Hong Kong three-quarter line, which has been described as being heavier, faster and more thrushful than the three who were in Shanghai last year.

Scottish, English XV's

The following teams have been selected to represent Scotland and England in the finals of the International Rugby Series at Sookunpoo on Saturday, February 12, at 4.15 p.m.

England: Lt. (E) Eberle (Captain), Cpl. Brown (R.A.P.), P. Franklin (Club), D. Nelson (Club), R. De Rome (Club), Lt. Pritchett (R.A.), F. Clemo (Club), C.R.E. Winyard (Tamar), Sgt. Newton (R.A.), Major Keyes (R.A.), Lt. Pappin (Buffa), G. Minto (Club), Supt. Wright-Nooth (H.K. Police), T. Carrel (Club) Captain, Lt. Spunkle (Buffa).

Reserves: A. B. Metcalfe (Tamar), Lt. Gray (Buffa), J. Johnston (Club).

Scotland: F. Cessford (Club), Captain, F. Robertson (Club), D. M. Henderson (Club), Capt. Milne (R.A.M.C.), Supt. L. Mackenzie (Dumfries), J. B. Henderson (Club), D. Lochlan (Club), H.M.G. Forgan (Club), I. McLean (Club), Lt. (E) McClelland (Tamar), L.S.A. Annadale (London), Comdr. Dalgligh (Tamar), Yeo. Matheson (Tamar), Lt. Whitehead (Cessford), Lt. Taylor (Club), Reserves: J. Cairns (Club), Major Cunningham (Royal Scots), Capt. Frazer-Harris (R.A.).

The guest speaker at the meeting of T.O. H. today is Squadron Leader A.F. Peterson who will speak on "New Zealand House, 80, Macdonnell Road, at 8.30 p.m. and all interested are cordially invited to attend."

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Keen's Resignation Accepted By HKFA

An application by Mr. Eric Keen, the HKFA coach, that he be released from his contract with the HKFA was read by the Council at its meeting last night which accepted his resignation, to be effective as from the end of this month.

A written proposal addressed by Mr. L. G. Young to the HKFA that he cease to act as a soccer referee in Hong Kong until the present state of affairs on the field be remedied was also considered and accepted by the HKFA Council.

Mr. Young's proposal was embodied in a letter complaining about the attitude which the HKFA had adopted in regard to certain players about whom he had sent in a complaint.

The Council also considered a letter by Mr. J. Ward, regarding the conduct of certain players during the match with the Chinese and decided to write to the Siskian football authorities and to the Consul for France.

Mr. Ward, who alleged that a Saigon player had insulted him by saying "English don't accept money from the Chinese"—said tribute to Chiang Kai-shek for his part in throwing away the chance of scoring when his side was awarded a penalty. Mr. Ward said that by his act, Chang did more than referee could possibly have done.

A letter from Soong Ling-sing, who was broken during the Korean series, appealing for financial assistance was brought before the meeting. Following lengthy discussion, it was decided to appoint a Committee to consider the best method of assisting Soong without in any way making him a professional.

Medical Bills

Letters from certain other Chinese players regarding the paying of medical bills were discussed and it was decided to send these bills to the respective team managers for comment.

During the discussion on injured players, the apparent lack of interest by the HKFA in the serious injury sustained by R. Kelly of the Royal Navy while playing during the Scotland game was pointed out. It was pointed out that the HKFA could do more to visit Rafferty, who is still in hospital, and to enquire after his welfare and see if he needed anything.

A letter from the Burmese Football Association, enquiring if Hong Kong could accommodate them with a series of games, was read to the meeting. After it had been stressed that the standard of football in Burma was quite high, it was decided to refer the matter to the Interport Sub-Committee.

The findings of the Appeals Board as exclusively published in the "China Mail" of February 3, relative to the appeal of Mr. C. Tunstall, was then read to the meeting. A recommendation of the Appeals Board that the HKFA which forbade Club members from acting as referees be amended was put before the meeting, which accepted the recommendation.

The present state of affairs between the HKFA and referees were dealt with in a letter from Colonel H. J. Alexander. After lengthy discussion, the meeting decided to appoint a further three referees to act on the Referees Sub-Committee.

The application by South China Athletic Association relative to a Vice-Presidents' Cup Competition was after discussion, provisionally sanctioned.

The meeting decided that the third match of the Governor's Cup Competition be played in the Club Ground, Happy Valley, on March 20, at 4 p.m.

Radio Owners Fined \$60

Every owner of a radio set must obtain a licence and the change of address of a licensee must be made known to the issuer.

Breach of these two regulations brought a number of people before Mr. A. D. Scholtes at Kowloon yesterday on summonses issued by Mr. D. B. E. Grew of the Radio Licensing and Inspection Office of the Telecommunication Branch prosecuted.

Mr. Grew said that radio licence cost only \$20 for a calendar year, and that the licence is valid for any number of sets owned by any one person, or family in a common dwelling.

Different persons living in the same dwelling require separate licences. Radios in cars require a separate licence.

Those summoned yesterday for not having a licence were fined \$60 by the magistrate. Those who failed to notify change of address received fines of \$2 and \$10.

St. Joseph's Athletic Meeting

The heats of the St. Joseph's College athletic sports meeting were held yesterday at the South China Athletic Field and the ground at Caroline Hill.

The final will be run off on Tuesday, February 15, starting at noon.

As there will be too many events for Tuesday, several finals were, however, run off yesterday, including the 800 metres for Senior Boys.

The race was easily won by R. Silva who beat his nearest opponent by more than 100 yards in the good time of 2 mins. 18 secs.

On Tuesday at the conclusion of the meet, Mrs. T. Rowell, wife of the Director of Education, will distribute the prizes.

The following were the results of the finals held yesterday:

SENIOR EVENTS

High Jump: 1, Lau Chu-chong; 2, A. Leonard; 3, A.K. Ismail.

Long Jump: 1, Lee Cheuk-kung; 2, A.G. Ismail; 3, Chan Shui-shing.

Shot Put: 1, Ho Hit-po; 2, A. Yuen; 3, Wong.

800 Metres: R. Silva; 2, Lee Kwan-chuen; 3, Tara Singh.

JUNIOR EVENTS

1,500 Metres: 1, A. Tang; 2, F. Oles; 3, Kung Wah-leung.

Long Jump: 1, J. Koo; 2, F. Xavier; 3, Wong Tit-hong.

High Jump: 1, F. Xavier; 2, Choy Yuen; 3, Chan.

Shot Put: 1, Choy Cheuk-kung; 2, Pong Man-shu; 3, Kung Wah-leung.

MIDGET EVENTS

200 Metres: 1, A. Tavares; 2, A. M. Hassan; 3, M. Whelan.

Long Jump: 1, H. Castro; 2, M. Ward; 3, Mak Kiu-lung.

Defendant's Attire Suspicious

"A man of defendant's attire should have aroused suspicion and the man should have been detained," said Mr. F.K. d'Almeida when a 17-year-old youth was brought before him yesterday on a charge of larceny from the person.

The magistrate made the remark when the prosecuting officer informed him that the watch had been pawned for \$80.

Mr. d'Almeida said that he deplored the attitude of the pawnbroker, and ordered the watch to be returned to the owner without restitution.

The defendant was Ho Tak, who the police said stole the watch, valued at \$800, from Mr. C.K.T. Tower in Pedder Street on January 29.

Defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six months and recommended for banishment.

Mr. W. N. Collinson, Director of the Hong Kong Office of the International Refugee Organisation, will be returning to the colony on a ship, the "H.K. Star," on Saturday.

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Rinty Monaghan Loses To Terry Allen On Points

London, February 7.

There was a three-way boxing surprise at Harringay Arena before a capacity crowd of 10,400 last night.

Biggest surprise was when little Terry Allen upset the world flyweight champion, Rinty Monaghan.

New Home Of School For Deaf

The new home of the Hong Kong School for the Deaf, a two-storey reinforced concrete structure, at Diamond Hill, Kowloon, will be officially opened by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, on Saturday, February 19.

Erected at a cost of HK\$300,000, the new building is only a wing of a three-block edifice which is planned to build when funds are available. Cost of the whole building is estimated at HK\$ 2,500,000.

The ground floor of the present structure will house six classrooms, a hearing-aid room, and the school office, while on the upper floor there will be three dormitories for the children, and quarters for the principal and the staff.

Miss Li Luk-wa, principal of the School, informed the "China Mail" that only 25 pupils were on the roster at present, as against 54 before the war. Their ages range from two to 16.

"When we have funds to complete building the School, we shall be able to house up to 300 pupils, and we shall have classes ranging from kindergarten to the 11th grade. We shall also have a workshop and a nursery," said Miss Li.

She said the School was fortunate to have got started with the cost of which HK\$120,000 had been raised by public donations. A substantial grant had been promised by the Education Department, and Miss Li, but further help from the public was urgently needed to meet the balance.

Miss Li revealed that the School had obtained two of the latest devices for the education of the deaf.

One was the Audiometer, an instrument for measuring the degree of hearing loss, which can be taught lessons by voice with the same ease as ordinary pupils.

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DIRECT SEA CONTACT WITH BURMA

(Continued from Page 1)

Mr. T. Oliver, who is seeing Hong Kong for the first time.

Born and bred in Burma, "Borak" Oliver holds from Taunggyi, the Shan States. He was flown from Rangoon, India, to join the Chip Lam at Singapore. Oliver was one of the epic trek from Mandalay to Calcutta during the Japanese invasion of the country in 1942.

"We left Mandalay before the Japanese entered the town. Hundreds helped themselves to food stuffs from open stores (you can call us looters, if you like) before they began the one-month trek by road, river and rail," he related.

"A considerable number died on the way from dysentery, and other physical ailments